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## Easy Sailing for Clinton As Debate Stresses Issues

### President Is Passive, With Format Playing to Democrat's Strengths

By David S. Broder and Ruth Marcus  
Washington Post Service  
RICHMOND, Virginia — Bill Clinton has sailed unscathed through the second of three presidential debates, as he, President George Bush and Ross Perot exchanged policy ideas, on issues, in a 90-minute forum.

Mr. Bush avoided the aggressive tactics that Vice President Dan Quayle used Tuesday night, allowing Mr. Clinton to be relaxed and showcase his facility with domestic issues, which occupied all but a fraction of the time.

In a debate that broke little new policy ground, Mr. Bush returned only briefly to his criticism of Mr. Clinton's role in 1960s anti-Vietnam War demonstrations in England and his bid the Democrat lightly on his reputation for hedging. "You can't turn the White House into the White House," he said.

At the end, the president asked voters to consider which candidate they would want in the Oval Office if "a major international threat" erupted the same night, suggesting that he had the "maturity and experience" to meet that test.

But most of the evening Mr. Bush was even more passive than in the first debate last Sunday. "If Barbara Bush were running this year, she'd be elected," he mused at one point. "But it's too late."

Mr. Clinton scored well in the debate, Reuters reported Friday from Washington, quoting initial opinion polls. A nationwide CBS News poll found that 54 percent thought Mr. Clinton had won the debate, 25 percent gave the nod to the president and 20 percent chose Mr. Perot.

Richard N. Bond, the Republican national chairman, said that in the final debate on Monday, "a proper amount of aggression will be needed" from Mr. Bush to stop Mr. Clinton.

Mr. Perot, the Texas billionaire who is running as an independent, played his now-familiar role as folk philosopher and common man. He said he could be a "builder of consensus" on a variety of issues between Democrats and Republicans "who are bred from childhood to fight with each other."



Prime Minister John Major awaiting the arrival of his European counterparts before the start of the EC meeting in Birmingham.

## U.K. Rate Cut Takes Markets by Surprise

### Major Defends Move to Close Mines As Criticism Mounts Over Economy

By Erik Ipsen  
International Herald Tribune  
BIRMINGHAM, England — The government of Prime Minister John Major, facing a worsening recession and severe criticism over its decision to shut half of Britain's coal mines, cut interest rates Friday by a full percentage point.

The move, which deeply surprised the markets on a day when Mr. Major was chairing an emergency European Community summit meeting meant to draw the 12-nation group closer together, effectively ended any hope that Britain would re-enter the Community's currency grid anytime soon.

In a combative press conference, the first since his government's politically disastrous announcement of huge job losses in the coal industry, Mr. Major steadfastly refused to reconsider keeping the mines open.

In London, a High Court judge delayed until Tuesday a decision on a challenge by miners to British Coal's plans to close 31 of the country's 50 working mines. (Page 9)

While he said he had "anguish for miners' families," Mr. Major insisted that the reality of government spending £100 million (\$170 million) a month on keeping pits that had "no market for their product and were not likely to have one in the future" had forced his hand.

The prime minister sounded the sole positive note of the session by saying that he welcomed the decision by the chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, to cut interest rates by a full percentage point, a move most political and economic analysts have pointedly linked to the uproar over the pit closures.

Mr. Major said the cuts would slash industry's interest bill by £9 billion and would reduce the average homeowner's mortgage payments by £100.

Mr. Major termed the cut "substantial but justified."

That the press conference occurred at all was a vivid measure of the severity of the political and economic concerns bearing down on Mr. Major from all sides. It came at the end of the concluding press conference of the special European Community summit meeting here.

## Indian Rights Activist Gets Peace Prize

By Douglas Farah  
Washington Post Service  
GUATEMALA CITY — Rigoberta Menchu, a 33-year-old Guatemalan Indian who has spent more than a decade denouncing abuses against indigenous people, including the assassination of both her parents by the army, was awarded the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday.

"Rigoberta Menchu stands out as a vivid symbol of peace and reconciliation across ethnic, cultural and social dividing lines, in her own country, on the American continent, and in the world," the Nobel committee said in announcing the prize.

The committee said Miss Menchu, who was nominated by two Nobel laureates, Adolfo Pérez Esquivel of Argentina and Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, had "grown up in poverty, in a family which has undergone the most brutal suppression and persecution."

The announcement was widely applauded by indigenous organizations, human rights groups and unions.

But it was received coolly by the government and military, which have accused Miss Menchu of supporting leftist guerrillas and damaging Guatemala's international image. Guatemala has one of the worst human rights records in the hemisphere, and she has consistently denounced the military for its widely documented abuses and the murder of most of her family.

### Dollar Gains Sharply on Mark

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A British interest-rate cut and rumors of an imminent realignment of the EC currency grid sent investors scurrying for refuge in the dollar, sending the U.S. currency sharply higher Friday in hectic trading.

The dollar ended New York trading at 1.4804 Deutsche marks, up from 1.4542 DM Thursday. Against the yen, however, it eased to 119.50 from 120.25, hit partly by news that the U.S. trade deficit widened. (Pages 9 and 10)

### The Dollar

New York	1.4804	1.4512
DM	1.4804	1.4512
Pound	1.6485	1.6395
Yen	119.50	120.25
FF	5.0295	4.938

## EC Summit: A PR Move To Sell Maastricht Pact

By Tom Redburn  
International Herald Tribune  
BIRMINGHAM, England — Leaders of the European Community sought Friday to put a human face on the EC bureaucracy in their effort to make the Maastricht Treaty on European Union more palatable to their economically discontented citizens.

But the special one-day EC summit meeting was more an exercise in public relations than a serious effort to resolve the real policy disputes that continue to plague Europe in the midst of one of the worst economic and political crises in the Community's 35 years of existence.

The leaders failed to deal with questions of economic stagnation, rising unemployment and poor economic management that are at the root of public disenchantment over their plans for constructing a future European union.

On perhaps the most pressing question they faced — long-stalled global trade talks that will continue this weekend — France prevailed on its partners to hold firm against giving EC negotiators any additional flexibility to settle the farm subsidy dispute with the United States. Farm subsidies are the principal obsta-

cle to completing trade talks under the aegis of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"Why do we have to wrap this up in a few weeks," Elisabeth Guigou, France's minister for European affairs, asked, "when we've been negotiating since 1966?"

### Vision, Prevision

Karl Lagerfeld showed the fashion world a vision of softness and transparency Friday as the Paris ready-to-wear collections continued. In a Special Report on Fashion/1993, Suzy Menkes reviews the shows and predicts the death of the classic workplace jacket for women. Pages I-IV.

### Kiosk

#### Special Prosecutor Named on Iraq Loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General William F. Barr named a special prosecutor on Friday to investigate the administration's handling of a case involving questionable loans to Iraq, rebuffing demands from congressional Democrats for an independent prosecutor who could not be dismissed by the attorney general.

#### General News

Prime Minister Rabin complained to Washington after the Saudis moved F-16s to an air base closer to Israel. Page 4.

#### Business/Finance

U.S. exports, one source of hope for a recovery, dropped sharply. Page 9.

#### Crossword

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## In New Theory on Aging, Methuselahs Might Not Be So Uncommon

By Gina Kolata  
New York Times Service  
NEW YORK — In a finding that has surprised experts who study aging, researchers have discovered that life expectancy may not always decrease as organisms grow older. A very few individuals are so long-lived that, past a certain age, their life expectancy actually increases.

The subjects of the experiments, which are preliminary, were fruit flies, but some demographers and experts on aging say that the implications could be far-reaching.

## Single Market Eludes EC

### French Slap at Barclays Shows Nations Are Still Eager to Protect Their Own

LONDON — As EC leaders gathered this week to discuss the single European market, the gap between the progress made in creating it on paper and the reality on the ground was yawning ever wider.

The picture that is beginning to emerge suggests that it is not just inexperienced companies that don't know the ropes that are having difficulties," said Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum in London. "The spirit of the single market is just not being reflected in reality."

Two hundred and eighty-two EC directives to the contrary, the 12 European Community nations remain reluctant to throw open their commercial doors to their partners.

The French government's decision Wednesday to bar Britain's Barclays Bank from paying interest on checking accounts in France was the latest example of a government taking its lead

not from EC directives on free trade but from the perceived need for protection of its own companies.

In the Barclays case, French banks stood to see their profitability eroded if they had followed Barclays in offering interest on checking accounts, French officials said.

In an interview with the French newspaper La Tribune, Finance Minister Michel Sapin explained his action against Barclays by saying that interest-paying checking accounts were "dangerous products" that would increase the cost of credit for companies and individuals while forcing banks to begin charging for checking.

"That would have the biggest impact on the poorest clients, who wouldn't earn anything on the remuneration but would have to pay for services that are free today," he said.

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Politburo Shake-Up In China Reduces Hard-Liners' Power

By Nicholas D. Kristof
New York Times Service
BEIJING — Eight leaders, including the president and defense minister, are submitting their resignations from the Politburo at the Communist Party Congress...

ated with the crackdown on the democracy movement, and consequently he is widely disliked by the public. The other person apparently being forced out is Yang Rudai, 66, party secretary of Sichuan Province...



THE TOYS OF WAR — Somali boys playing with a makeshift gun in Mogadishu in imitation of their armed brothers and fathers.

The Wen Wei Po report cannot be confirmed, but it normally publishes information only when it has party approval. Most of those listed as resigning from the Politburo are doing so in part because of their age, but some are only in their late 60s and are evidently being pushed out...

Limited Pardons for Apartheid Crimes? By Paul Taylor
Washington Post Service
JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's white-minority government introduced an amnesty bill in Parliament on Friday that would give President Frederik W. de Klerk sweeping powers to protect state officials from punishment for secret crimes they may have committed in support of apartheid.

This is the wrong legislation at the wrong time by the wrong government, said Carl Niehaus, a spokesman for the ANC, the nation's largest black political organization. "We will nullify it as soon as we can."

Bosnians Bar Serbs On Key UN Supply Line
The Associated Press
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Troops of Bosnia's Muslim-led government blockaded a key supply line to Sarajevo on Friday, saying rebel Serbs had tried to advance along the road by using United Nations aid convoys as cover.

U.S. Ends Sales of 'Mein Kampf' in Germany
By Steve Vogel
Washington Post Service
BONN — Under pressure from the German government, U.S. officials have stopped selling Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' at military bookstores in Germany.

German Police Seize Smuggled Uranium
The Associated Press
BERLIN — The police have seized what they described as weapons-grade uranium in a raid on the black market in former Soviet bloc nuclear materials, a Bavarian customs official said Friday.

U.S. military command in Europe pulled all copies of the book from the shelves of its 150 bookstores in Germany this month after the Foreign Ministry complained the Americans were breaking the law by selling it.

German officials contended that the United States was ignoring laws restricting sales of the book in this country, and was violating the German copyright owned by the state of Bavaria since 1951.

Although German law prohibits the distribution of literature that advocates Nazism and racial hatred, the sale of 'Mein Kampf' is not completely banned in Germany.

Hitler wrote 'Mein Kampf,' or 'My Struggle,' while imprisoned after the failure of his 1923 putsch. Amid diatribes against Jews, he outlined plans in the book for conquering East Europe and the Soviet Union.

Japan May Fire Aide for Urging Coup
TOKYO (Reuters) — The Japanese government may dismiss an army officer who called for a coup to clean up Japan's corrupt politics, a Foreign Ministry spokesman indicated Friday.

Yeltsin Seeks Later Congress Session
MOSCOW (Reuters) — President Boris N. Yeltsin, fighting for breathing space for his embattled government, tried Friday to postpone a planned session of Russia's conservative supreme legislature.

Strut Flaw Suspected in El Al Crash
AMSTERDAM (AP) — Early evidence gathered during an investigation of the crash of an El Al cargo jet Oct. 4 points to a design fault in the engine supports, investigators said Friday.

Peace Force Battles Liberian Rebels
MONROVIA (Reuters) — Shells slammed into the suburbs of Monrovia for the second day running on Friday while West African peacekeepers tried to stop the most daring rebel attack on the Liberian capital in two years.

Travel Update
A fare war has broken out among London's traditional taxis and London Airways, a radio-dispatched service specializing in airport rides and charging £15 (325) between most of London and Heathrow Airport.

DEMOCRATS AMERICANS ABROAD VOTE NOW FOR CHANGE
Voted ballots are due soon, before November 3 in some states. Mail yours immediately or use the free DHL Worldwide Express service. Last call is October 23.

NOBEL: Indian Rights Activist Awarded Peace Prize
(Continued from page 1) arrival marked the start of a brutal subjugation of native peoples by Europeans. Miss Menchu said the prize was for "all the Guatemalan people" and said she would use the 6.5 million Swedish kronor (\$1.2 million) that goes with it to set up a foundation in her father's name.

WORLD BRIEFS
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North America, Europe, Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Oceania weather forecasts and data provided by Accu-Weather, Inc. © 1992

ELECTION NOTES

A Little Malpractice by Bush Spin Doctors

WASHINGTON — Bush campaign spin doctors pushed the wrong button after Thursday's debate...

Call your local political reporter and give the spin... said the memo accidentally sent into a number of newspapers.

Issue a news release declaring the president the winner... it said. The memo, accompanied by "talking points" praising Mr. Bush...

Highlights of the talking points: Tonight was a clear win, a big win for the president. Bill Clinton came in a cautious and weak third place.

Clinton Keeps His (Poll) Distance Over Bush WASHINGTON — Governor Bill Clinton is maintaining a sizable lead over President George Bush in the latest tracking polls.

A new CNN/USA Today survey gave Mr. Clinton a 15-point lead over the president, 47 percent to 32 percent, CNN reported...

Perot Outlines Fix to Cure the Budget Deficit DALLAS — Ross Perot outlined his prescription for higher taxes and spending cuts to balance the budget in a 30-minute commercial to air Friday night.

Hillary Can Bake a Mean Cookie, If She Wants NEW YORK — Hillary Clinton said she did not want to stay home and bake cookies all day, but her recipe beat Barbara Bush's in a contest.

D'Amato Opponent Withdraws 'Facet' Gibe NEW YORK — After Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato and state Attorney General Robert Abrams sparred sharply over ethics and tactics in the first debate of their Senate campaign...

Quote-Unquote William J. Bennett, Mr. Bush's former anti-narcotics chief, after the second debate: "Clinton has to stumble, stumble, even fall for George Bush to win this race."

Away From the Hustings The majority owner of the Silverado savings and loan, W. James Mezz, pleaded guilty in Denver to a felony charge of misapplying nearly \$100,000 in the failed bank's funds in 1986...

DEBATE: Issues, Not Personalities, Take the Fore (Continued from page 1) Clinton in opposition to term limits for members of Congress.

George Stephanopoulos, Mr. Clinton's communications director, said of Mr. Bush: "It kind of stunk like he was out of it. He didn't have a lot of fight."

Mr. Clinton declined a question-er's blunt challenge to enter into a binding agreement to set specific deficit reduction targets and not to seek a second term if he failed to meet them.

He added: "You'll have a shot at it in four years and you can vote me right out if you think I've done a lousy job and I would welcome you to do that."

Mr. Bush repeated his call for a balanced-budget amendment and a line-item veto, which Mr. Clinton also supports, and then raised, for the first time in some weeks, the idea of a tax check-off plan to cut the deficit.

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The three presidential candidates responding to a question during the debate in Richmond, Virginia.

While Bush Fiddles With Campaign, Administration Burns

By Andrew Rosenthal New York Times Service WASHINGTON — While President George Bush tries to revive his re-election bid on the campaign trail...

Robert M. Gates, the director of central intelligence, was recently forced to admit that his legal department sent federal prosecutors a misleading letter...

The House Judiciary Committee, meanwhile, and Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee...

In the last two weeks this struggle has escalated into virtual civil war, with FBI and Justice Department officials accusing one another of engineering damaging newspaper leaks.

The White House has let these squabbles swirl while Mr. Bush and his chief of staff, James A. Baker 3d, have concentrated on the president's re-election campaign.

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Clinton an Unknown Quantity for Asians

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE — Governments and companies in Asia tracking the United States presidential campaign have concluded that Governor Bill Clinton is almost certain to win...

He has also said he would set up a "Radio Free Asia" like the successful Radio Free Europe, to carry news and hope to freedom-loving people in China and elsewhere.

In the first televised debate between the presidential contenders last Sunday, he said that he would be "firm" toward China.

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A Funny Thing at the Forum

Oddly, President Takes Laid-Back Approach By E. J. Dionne Jr. Washington Post Service RICHMOND, Virginia — Perhaps Governor George Bush decided that sharp attacks are unpresidential. Or perhaps he is already looking beyond the election to how he will be remembered.

True, he sought to score points against Governor Bill Clinton by raising "the character issue," his last best hope for victory. It came up early in the debate...

NEWS ANALYSIS phrases — "brass tacks," "pretty simple," "throwing rocks" — and suggesting that Republicans and Democrats who evaded responsibility for the country's problems seemed to be saying that "extraterrestrials" were the culprit.

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# U.S. Disease War Targets Complacency

**By Lawrence K. Altman**  
*New York Times Service*  
 WASHINGTON — Public health surveillance systems are inadequate to detect threats in new diseases and the re-emergence of old ones, the National Academy of Sciences said in a report.

The sudden appearance of new diseases like AIDS and the resurgence of old ones like tuberculosis that can kill millions of people around the world are inevitable despite the great advances in medicine, according to the report in the academy's Institute of Medicine, issued here Thursday.

The report offers what the academy said was the first public policy strategy to deal with the threat that comes from at least 50 viruses,

bacteria, fungi and parasites, as well as an unknown number of microbes that have yet to be discovered.

The committee said it was alerting doctors, medical schools, government officials and the public to end complacency over infectious diseases.

Many scientists and others have mistakenly believed these diseases had been conquered with the advent of antibiotics and vaccines.

Scientists and health officials were urged to sharpen their attack against the potential for devastating new epidemics from viruses and other microbes for which there are no effective drugs and vaccines.

"We're vulnerable to something along the line of the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic that killed 20 million people worldwide," said Dr.

Robert E. Shope, co-chairman of the report committee and a virologist at Yale University.

"It's happened once; it can happen again," he said.

No one knows what caused the 1918-19 influenza virus to be so virulent. New diseases are certain to appear but no one knows how to predict when, where and how they will occur, Dr. Shope said.

Dr. Joshua Lederberg, a co-chairman of the committee, said that after the introduction of antibiotics and vaccines like the one for polio after World War II "we acted as though we had won the war on infectious disease, but the fact is infectious microbes have been around all along and will continue to pose threats to public health."

# U.S. Backs Employers On Health Benefit Cuts

**By Robert Pear**  
*New York Times Service*  
 WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has decided to back a U.S. court ruling that employers may slash the health insurance coverage of workers who develop costly illnesses like AIDS, government lawyers said.

The lawyers said that Solicitor General Kenneth W. Starr would present the administration's views in a memorandum to be filed with the Supreme Court in the next few days. The memorandum urges the court not to review the ruling, by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

In the case, a man who worked at a music store in Houston saw his maximum benefits cut to \$5,000 from \$1 million after he developed AIDS and filed his first claims. His employer decided to serve as its own health insurer and so, unlike conventional providers of group health insurance, was able to avoid state insurance regulations.

The Supreme Court asked the administration for its views on the politically charged case in March. Justice Department officials say they took longer than usual to respond because the case involved complex, sensitive legal issues.

Over the last few months, many organizations lobbied the Justice Department, saying Mr. Starr should urge the high court to reverse the lower court ruling. The ruling said that employers may, under a 1974 law, sharply cut insurance coverage for employees with AIDS and other costly illnesses like cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

The American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the American Association of Retired Persons, the American Bar Association and the National Commission on AIDS, a federal advisory committee created by Congress, all sent letters to Mr. Starr saying that the appeals court ruling was wrong as a matter of both law and policy.

There was a sharp dispute between federal agencies over what to tell the Supreme Court, according to government lawyers. The Labor Department, for instance, which regulates employee benefit plans, supports the appellate court ruling.

But the Department of Health and Human Services opposed the appeals court ruling, saying it subverted the whole concept of insurance.



Nikita Smidovich, head of an inspection team, being questioned by reporters Friday in Baghdad.

# Baghdad Snubs UN Arms Inspectors

**No Officials Greet Team of 50 That Iraq Tried to Delay**

*The Associated Press*  
 BAGHDAD — A team of 50 UN weapons experts, the largest to inspect Saddam Hussein's arsenals since the missions began last year, arrived Friday and were given a chilly reception.

There were no Iraqi officials at Habbaniya Airport to welcome the team. A lone police jeep escorted their two red and white buses 60 kilometers (about 35 miles) to a hotel.

The experts are being led by Nikita Smidovich, a Russian.

"We are here on a very important mission," Mr. Smidovich said. "We have a full program for about two weeks."

He added, "We have experts in all areas but the emphasis will be on ballistic missile areas."

The UN Special Commission, which is charged with enforcing terms of the Gulf War truce, has received information that Iraq hid as many as 200 long-range missiles after it lost the war in February 1991.

Iraq said it has declared and shown inspectors everything related to Scud missiles.

Mr. Smidovich, an expert in chemical weapons, said his team would make several surprise inspections. "We will visit declared and undeclared sites," he said.

UN officials in New York, indicating concern about Iraqi response to the new mission, cited a transcript of Mr. Saddam's speech Oct. 6 to his ruling Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party. In it he called for mobilizing the party and people "to confront the attempts of the stray dogs that came under the cover of UN committees and under the title of inspection teams."

Iraq had sought to postpone the arrival of the new team until after the U.S. presidential elections Nov. 3, arguing that the team might seek a confrontation for political reasons to help President George Bush win a second term.

The team, the 45th to visit Baghdad, includes experts on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and ballistic missiles from the United States, Russia, Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Australia.

It was not known whether the team would seek entry to any ministry building, but Iraq has said that ministries are symbols of sovereignty and are off-limits.

Mr. Smidovich said inspectors should be able to enter any site they selected in Iraq, whether it be a ministry or even the presidential palace.

## AMERICAN TOPICS

### Old Timber Outfit Is Kind to the Trees

Amid the national debate over logging the great forests of the West, the Collins Almanor Forest near Chester, California, wins praise from environmentalists, even though its 91,000 acres (37,000 hectares) echo with the roar of chain saws and the rattle of lumber trucks.

Tom Kenworthy of The Washington Post reports that for more than 50 years, the small, family-owned Collins Pine Co. has practiced sustained-yield, selective harvesting. There are no clear cuts, those vast open spaces in which virtually every tree has been removed in the interests of efficiency. Most stands still have magnificent 200- and 300-year-old trees.

More woody debris is left on the forest floor, which returns

### more nutrients to the soil. Logging roads are set well back from streams. The stands have a variety of species and ages.

This has its costs. For example, harvesting trees of all ages means that the sawmill is less efficient because the machinery cannot be tailored to one size of log.

"This is a very real business venture here," said Bill Howe, the manager. "Making money is the whole purpose." But he adds, "We believe in being prudent stewards in a long-term, sustained way."

**Short Takes**

Thirteen Komodo dragons, the world's largest lizards, have been hatched at Washington's National Zoo, with two eggs yet to go. Officials said they are the first to be hatched outside Indonesia, their country of origin. The carnivorous dragons, an endangered species, grow as long as 9 feet (3 meters) and weigh as much as 300 pounds (136 kilograms). The black-and-yellow babies are about 16 inches (41 centimeters)

### long, and weigh 3.5 ounces (100 grams).

The Cardio-Fitness Center chain proclaims that it is for health, not socializing. "Health, Yes, Club, No," says a full-page newspaper ad pitched to executives who "want to get in shape, but don't want to deal with the swinging club scene. They want toned muscles and less flab, but don't want to compete with body builders or parade around in stretch leotards. It's enough to make anyone avoid health clubs forever." So at Cardio-Fitness Centers, the atmosphere is "professional," there are identical T-shirts and shorts for everybody. Leotards are out, and "getting in shape is not about pumping up your pees, but about proving your fitness level."

A St. Louis, Missouri, secretary registers this complaint with Ann Landers, the advice columnist: "Miss J. Q. Public calls the ABC Co. and asks to speak with Mr. Jones. When she is told, 'Mr. Jones is not in; please give me

### your number so he can return the call,' she replies, 'He has my number.'"

"When Mr. Jones returns, the secretary must clear her computer to look up Miss Public's number or go find it in the Rolodex. This is exasperating, because it takes the caller no longer to give the number than it does to say, 'He has it.'"

In 1939 the University of Chicago, once a powerhouse in the Big Ten, abandoned intercollegiate football. Its chancellor, Robert Maynard Hutchins, wanted a minimum of distractions from great books and scholarly discourse. In 1962, however, the Maroon returned to football, but in a small way. Although it has been playing an undemanding schedule of small nearby colleges, its record in the past 30 years is 49 won, 145 lost and 2 tied. Few institutions can top Chicago's favorite chant, however: "Ha ha, hoo hoo, we've got more Nobels than you."

Arthur Higbee

# Math Tests Don't Measure Up, Study Says

**By Susan Chira**  
*New York Times Service*  
 NEW YORK — Widely used standardized tests may be hampering efforts to improve mathematics and science education, and they hurt minority students the most, according to a nationwide study.

The study found that current standard tests and textbook tests influenced teachers to stress memorization rather than reasoning, an emphasis that undermines curriculum changes being sought by math and science educators.

Tests profoundly shape what teachers teach because of the enormous pressure to improve students' scores, the study found.

Teachers in urban schools with many minority students feel this pressure most keenly and are more likely to base their curriculum on the tests and to drill students for them. Thus, minority students are failing to learn the very

reasoning skills that math and science educators want to emphasize.

Most experts in the field agree that rather than memorizing mathematical formulas or scientific terms, students must learn how to think like mathematicians and scientists by being able to solve problems, design their own experiments to test hypotheses and explain the reasoning behind an answer.

Current tests often simply require students to answer a multiple-choice question. The tests that some experts envision might ask students to design a program by which a restaurant could conserve water or to decide whether it made more sense to buy a car or lease one.

Researchers said the study should serve as a warning to policymakers who are considering whether to require national testing and what kinds of tests to require. All three presidential candidates have endorsed the idea, but none

has specified whether such tests should be different from current standardized tests.

"If we do go that route, we had better be sure we are measuring the right things," said George Madans, director of the Boston College Center for the Study of Testing, Evaluation and Educational Policy, which conducted the study. The three-year, \$1 million study was paid for by the National Science Foundation.

If the current tests do not change, Mr. Madans said, "we will not be reflecting what reform groups are calling for, the kinds of outcomes we want for our students in math and science."

But representatives of test and textbook publishers said the study had not examined newly published tests that conform to new directions in math and science education. Some of these tests entered the market this year.

# Dog Rescues Man in Quake Rubble

**CAIRO —** A French search dog led rescue workers Friday to a man buried alive for 81 hours after the 14-story building where he lived collapsed in the earthquake here this week.

Akham Ismail Hamouda, 37, was found alive but dazed, clutching the hands of his dead wife, his mother and daughter.

More than 60 bodies had been pulled from the debris of the building in the middle-class residential area of Heliopolis.

The dog "went into the debris through a very small hole," said the dog's handler, a member of the French group Urgent International Action,

which has been assisting in rescue operations. "He came out and barked four times. I knew he had found someone alive."

Mr. Hamouda's left ankle was dislocated and fractured. The attending doctor, Hany Zaky, said: "All his vital signs are normal. Mentally he is fine but psychologically he is stressed. He is a very strong guy."

The earthquake Monday claimed nearly 500 lives. Most Egyptian officials had lost hope of finding anyone alive, but Interior Minister Mohammed Abdel-Halim Moussa said after visiting Mr. Hamouda. "After this, we never give up."

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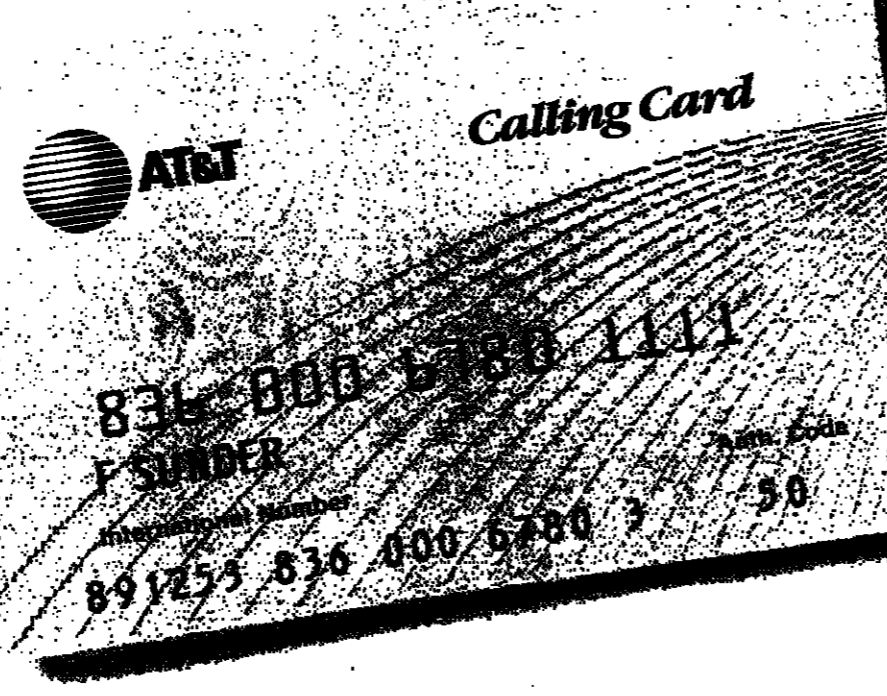
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The Bosnian Question

Five Measures to Help

While Americans focus increasingly on who will win on Nov. 3, embattled Bosnians worry about a simpler question: Will they live that long?

United Nations authority to shoot down helicopters as well as fixed-wing planes. • Repeal the arms embargo. Serbs and others have all the arms they need, and can circumvent the embargo to get more.

Cultural 'Cleansing'

The atrocity of "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia is apparently an even more thorough business than the evidence of widespread murder, deportations and brutality would indicate.

— as some Serbian commanders have claimed (particularly in one case where they told the BBC they were aiming at an anthropological collection on the roof of the Sarajevo regional museum) — they had ironically destroyed a tremendous accumulation of records of Serbian civilization in the region as well.

Tokyo's Housecleaning

According to stereotype, public opinion does not count for much in Japanese politics. But public outrage over big-money politics is driving Tokyo's most important power broker, Shin Kanemaru, from his remaining political posts.

ment could dilute the influence of interest groups like rice farmers and better reflect the interests of urban consumers. More far-reaching changes are needed.

Other Comment

She Cried for Somalia

It took President Mary Robinson of Ireland to put the tragedy of Somalia squarely before the world. After three days visiting its starving people and dismal camps, she faced a press conference in neighboring Kenya, broke down and wept. She was "shamed, ashamed, shamed that the developed world had lost its humanity and watched as others suffered."

pricked the conscience of the world. But they cannot get the starving people of Somalia fed without force of a different kind.

Saving Lives in a Fatally Scrambled Land

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

WASHINGTON — "Your reasoning is impeccable," the professor writes "but" — an omnibus but — "it is Western, modern and forward-looking."

World War II persecution and of more recent maltreatment. Serbs' wartime experience, he reminds, "is not some ancient grievance but genocide suffered within the lifetime of a middle-aged man."

thinking other governments for their hesitations and not fusing over gestures that have barely slowed the Serbian juggernaut.



A Docile Bush Has Republicans Praying for a Crisis

By David S. Broder

RICHMOND, Virginia — Send in the tanks. The latest — and maybe last — Republican strategy for salvaging the 1992 presidential election is to hope for some kind of international crisis that would remind voters of the Bush team's skill and experience in coping with such high-tension moments.

Mr. Bush was hurt, and Mr. Clinton helped, by the audience-participation format. Early on, the moderator, Carole Simpson, encouraged audience members to express their distaste for candidates' "trashing their opponents' character," as one questioner put it.

anyone else in America this year. He cannot be defeated in such encounters. He is relaxed, lively, informative and personal — talking policy in specific but anecdotal fashion.

Amateurs — Frank, Refreshing, Flawed

By William Pfaff

PARIS — The misfortunes of Vice Admiral James Stockdale in the vice presidential debate were those of the amateur in politics, and he is no worse for them.

serious intelligence and effort are applied to finding the solutions. There are, as Mr. Perot acknowledged, dozens of plans out there now for solving the country's political and social problems.

person will recognize that it is right. The search for engineering solutions to strategic and political problems has in the past made much trouble for Washington's policymakers.

They Got It Wrong on the Chinese Hell

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — In the inspiring sweep and profundity of the great October Debates, I can see why the one moment that haunts me was lost, disappearing with no notice at all.

labor goods to America is just a gimmick that Beijing can use to cover up the vast slave labor industry. Among the people who think that are Chinese freedom fighters and members of Congress, both parties.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: No Mean Poet

LONDON — At Westminster Abbey yesterday [Oct. 16] a sermon took place in memory of the late Poet Laureate, before a large congregation, of which the Princess of Wales and two of her daughters formed part.

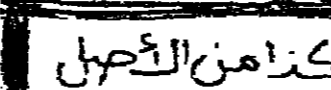
1942: Potomac Floods

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] Swirling flood waters of the Potomac and other rivers menaced sections of the national capital today, caused four deaths and wide destruction and left at least 2,000 people homeless in a large area of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

1917: Austrian Mutiny

ROME — Grave mutinies have broken out in the Austrian fleet, leading to scenes of terrorism and bloodshed. The crews of several ships revolted owing to the insufficiency

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Paris Market Encounters Heavy Seas

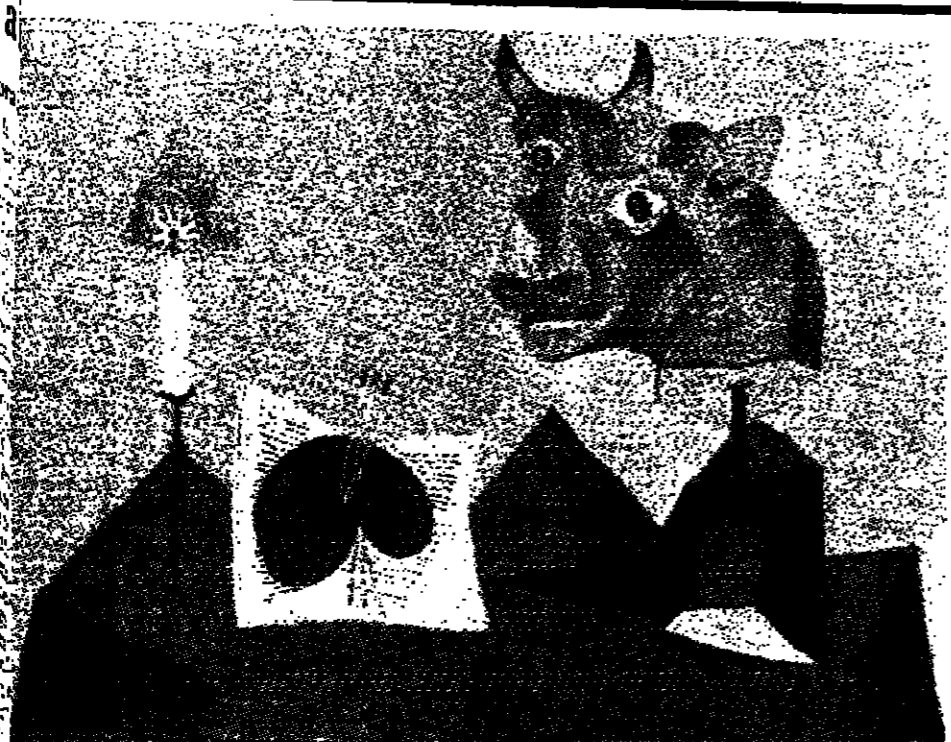
PARIS — Difficulties are mounting in the art market. Dealers, often strapped for cash, are becoming increasingly cautious...



Figure of seated woman probably dating from the second century B.C. sold for 5,400 francs and decanter decorated with golden luster from 13th-century Iran went for 35,299 francs.

Roudillon, who is not prone to giving exaggerated estimates, thought they were worth 12,000 to 15,000 francs. Two whitish terra-cotta smiling heads from the Totonac culture in Mexico should also have found buyers...

TEN minutes later a Japanese lacquer cabinet estimated at 30,000 francs got a 27,000 franc bid from a Japanese dealer and was also bought in, at 28,000 francs. The cover lot, a Ming vase in cloisonné enamels, also failed to sell.



Picasso's 'Still Life With a Head of a Red Bull,' done in 1938.

A Luminous Assemblage Of Picasso's Still Lives

By Michael Gibson
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — "Picasso et les Choses" at the Grand Palais presents 69 years of Pablo Picasso's still-life painting, collage, assemblage and sculpture...

Sixty-nine years! The scope is pretty breathtaking, and the thread provided by the relatively neutral category of still life allows you to see with greater ease both the versatility of the man and the continuity of stubborn purposes that drove him on.

The first item of the exhibition was painted in 1901, when Picasso was 21 years old. Though not his first still-life painting, it was his first of some size and complexity.

The diversity of his work stands out in a show devoted to a single category.

Such questions really seem to be more revealing of the mind-set and patterns of free association of those asking them than of the presumed intentions of the artist.

IN A sense, the subject matter gradually recedes as one advances through the exhibition and as the artist's protean, ever-changing manner increasingly asserts itself as the real "subject" of these works...

One sooner has he set one up than he proceeds to demolish it and turns to something else, as though he were striving to suggest, sometimes in gentle rounded forms but more often in jagged, shattered ones...

The exhibition, in Cleveland and Philadelphia earlier this year, is making its final stop in Paris, where it will be until Dec. 28.

Souren Melikian
action of an estate guarantees that the goods are not owned by a dealer playing tricks in the background. This time it made no difference. The late René Loiseau had spent some time in Iran more than a quarter of a century ago...

The Loristan bronzes, which were not great, got a lukewarm reception. A Paris dealer, Michel Cohen, bought several at moderate prices...

Most significantly, the market remained equally thin when it came to pottery and metalwork from Islamic Iran. The intensely speculative mood of recent years seemed to be a thing of the past.

While this might be partly accounted for by the uncertain nature of the market for Islamic objects of art, which find very few private buyers in the West...

A 31-centimeter (12.5-inch) decanter was decorated in the very sketchy, rather coarse, style that came to be known when a large group of vessels supposed to have been dug up near the city of Gorgan were published by Mehdi Bahrami in 1949...

BY CONTRAST, the next lot, a bowl decorated in the precise refined manner known from the pottery that came to light in Rey and Kashan earlier this century...

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The same weakness could be observed in metal vessels. An early ewer of the ninth or 10th century (dismissed in the catalogue as being "in the style of 10th-century Khorsasan," a conventional way of characterizing it as a fake) was mildly disputed between the Paris collector and the Frankfurt dealer...

Over there was little competition over the 11th-century ewer from Khorsasan that followed, rare for the exquisite miniature duck in the round perched on its handle (3,944 francs) and none at all over the finest piece, a small circular dish with a beautiful rosette and a calligraphic invocation to God on the low slanting walls...

While this might be partly accounted for by the uncertain nature of the market for Islamic objects of art, which find very few private buyers in the West, no such reason can explain the poor showing of Greek and Roman antiquities that followed...

Right at the beginning a small rarity from Greece came up. The tall, narrow terra-cotta vase with tapering walls and a flat circular opening known as an alabastron is an early Corinthian piece dating from about 570 to 550 B.C.

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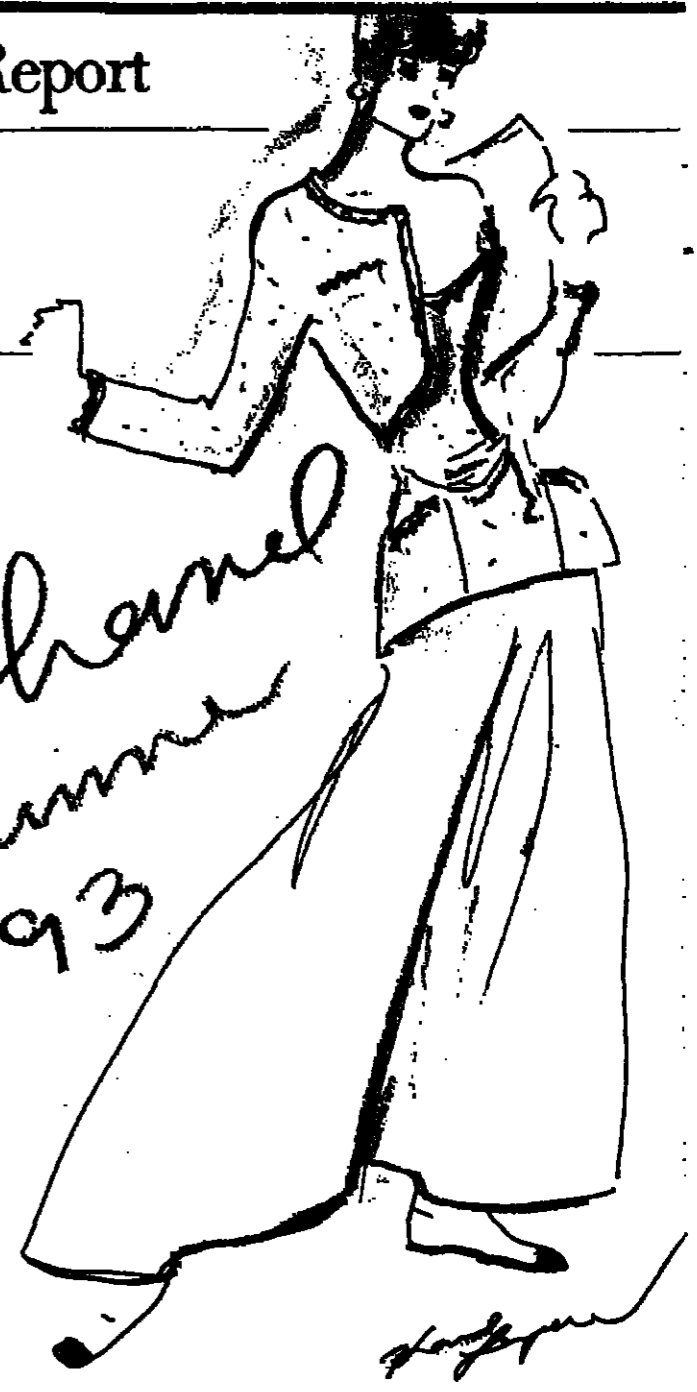
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## No Jackets? Thinking the Unthinkable

**International Herald Tribune**

**P**ARIS—The jacket is the fashion symbol of the century — the breastplate in a modern woman's wardrobe. Can it, could it, possibly be on its way out?

The news at these international collections is not about the dip and dive of hemlines. It is about what is going on above the bust as the jacket drains away, replaced by the fluid midriff dress.

We saw the dress, drowned in hippie love beads, in Milan, given a sexy push-up by Gianni Versace and an ethnic twist by Giorgio Armani. The dress appeared, soft, bias-cut, in dusty colors, in last weekend's London collections. And we are seeing it in Paris.

For dress, read also tunic, like the soft tops that Karl Lagerfeld put with long skirts in his Chloé show Wednesday. But mostly it is the dress worn on its own, from Comme des Garçons' slim-line shapes in thick furnishing fabrics to John Galiano's wisps of bias-cut chiffon and Helmut Lang's transparent fabrics sashed at the back.

Martin Margiela first gave rebirth to the 1970s dress — all bias cutting and bruised plum colors inspired by Biba boutique in Swinging London, when dropping out was an easy option. Now people are fighting to keep off the unemployment line, yet the international collections are filled with clothes that look like the world is going on a trip.

The jacket survives for next summer in embryonic form as a sleeveless vest worn over bare skin, or as a cardigan shape so floppy that it could hardly stand up to a power breakfast. Can we really believe in a working world without jackets? Wearing just a dress for success? It is unthinkable. Or is it?

"The whole attitude of woman dressing as a man is finished," says Giorgio Armani, king of the unstructured jacket. "We have to find a new femininity — and why not a dress, if it is pulled on like a long T-shirt and is not *jolie madame!*" Armani says that it is nearly 20 years

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## Lagerfeld to the Rescue: Throwing Fashion a Life Belt

**By Suzy Menkes**

**P**ARIS — Karl Lagerfeld stitched together fashion's generation gap, and credibility gap, in the powerful but light-handed collection, he sent out Friday. It closed with models in black body-suits with transparent inflatable life belts gyrating round their hips — a fitting symbol for the airy transparency of the show and because Lagerfeld is viewed by retail bosses as the designer keeping high fashion afloat.

Rosemary Bravo, president of Saks Fifth Avenue, was gasping for breath and searching for superlatives.

"Amazing, fantastical, wonderful — the more this person has to do, the better he gets," she said, referring to fact that Lagerfeld had already sent his Chloé line out Wednesday, and has Chanel to follow on Monday.

"This was wonderful and in a different mood from Chloé," said Hong Kong's fashion empress Joyce Ma. "Chloé was nostalgic, looking at the past, here he is making his woman for the future."

Lagerfeld did not invent anything new, but he gathered the threads of current fashion and wove them into comprehensible clothes. The silhouette was long and lean, but here was the new softness in crepe jackets or skinny chalk-pale knits. Colors were meadow-sweet: peach

and nectarine, through sky blue and apple green.

Above all, Lagerfeld handled deftly the transparent fabrics that are appearing on all the Paris runways. He used layers of chiffon from waist to knees and then again to the ankle to blot out a precise hemline and offered all kinds of see-through fabrics from pretty lace to flower-printed chiffon. His imaginative versions of see-through included a spider's web of guipure lace, inset in a sinous black evening dress, and white net as airy as a sports shirt over black leggings. All these creative ideas made transparency seem less like a peep show and more for real life.

Some of the below-the-belt effects were

weird: chiffon shorts as an extra layer under regular-length wide chiffon pants. But you didn't really have to worry about the layers of lightness, because Lagerfeld's focus is still on jackets, an endangered species that he gave new life by making them in soft fabrics but still with a distinct silhouette. They were raised in the waist, fitted to the body with tucks and paneling, and with small shoulders and narrow sleeves. Even tough materials like leather became as soft as a kid glove, in fruity colors and with a pale glaze.

The jackets came either very long or waist short, and occasionally glimpses of flesh at a bared midriff subtly recalled hippie days, as

did the jacket alternative: a crepe tunic flowing over wide, soft pants.

But there were none of the hippie bits and pieces that have smothered too many shows. Accessories, which included feminine ankle boots that went with almost everything for day and night, gave a modern look. Airy mesh floated round the head or made the brim of a hat that was left with only its crown.

Although many of the evening dresses, as earlier in the week at Chloé, were in prints reminiscent of British designer Ossie Clark in the 1960s, Lagerfeld mixed them in with modern stretch materials, putting a waft of ankle-

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# Wear It, but Please Don't Call It Fashion

## In the Serious '90s, Statement Becomes the Message

By Alexander Lobrano

**P**ARIS — Consider what might be the ideal profile for a designer of the '90s: A dolphin-loving, rain-forest protecting, green-cotton using designer who underwrites several financially threadbare opera companies and stages benefits for Bosnian war victims.

Of course, this design paragon should also be the favorite designer of Madonna, Nancy Reagan, Princess Diana, Tina Brown and Jacqueline Onassis, and someone who just designed the wardrobe for two Hollywood blockbusters; whose clothing logs the credit lines for the covers of the world's trendiest magazines.

But then he/she should also be devoted to a large, extended family that gathers often at an enormous 18th-century country estate when the designer is not in New York or Miami or London or Paris hobnobbing with best friends like Prince and Kevin Costner.

Strip this phantom frockmeister

to the bones, and you find many of the key promotional trends for the '90s so far — product-free and public service advertising; an aggressive return to "family values" in the for-public-consumption versions of many designers' private lives.

There is also an attempt to speak directly to the consumer by bypassing the media altogether and producing one's own magazine or book or film, issues-oriented benefits for everything from AIDS research to reforestation; a focus on eternal style and quality as opposed to almost anything to do with fashion, a word that many shun.

Perhaps the extreme in the current fashion to avoid fashion is the insistence of many designers that they do nothing to promote their images beyond the fact of creating clothing.

An example: When Jean-Louis Dumas-Hermès, president of Hermès, was asked in a recent interview why this company's products had become status symbols, he replied, "Well, it certainly has nothing to do with us. We don't have a

policy of image, we have a policy of product."

This is the basic idea behind the NN Studio, the two-year-old Milan boutique and design house that was launched by Carla Sozzani and Donato Maino, former partners of Romeo Gigli. Eschewing the star system, their manifesto is that there should be NN, or No Names, and this is also the name of their brand label.

The image of not having a fashion image has also been embraced by several of the more important Japanese designers, including Rei Kawakubo; a sample of her recent Comme des Garçons advertising was a photograph of two laughing twin girls wearing braces with not a thread of clothing in sight and only the brand name printed discreetly at the bottom of the page.

Another script for '90s image-making reads that people are troubled by a variety of real-life issues, and this seriousness has made them embarrassed by or discreet about their vanity, with the result that they may claim to see fashion as frivolous. Some designers have tried to bridge the gap between conscience and consumption by equating themselves and their product with a more enlightened view of the world, and with varying degrees of sincerity.

The most controversial consciousness-raising promotion was the Benetton ad campaign, showing a variety of shocking images, claiming that its intent was to make people think about the seriousness of the time we live in.

The T-shirt as a public-address poster has also become a popular way for designers from Katharine Hammett to Franco Moschino to convey their opinions about current affairs, with ecological themes proving to be particularly popular.

Giorgio Armani, director of marketing for Moschino, said: "Fashion designers have replaced movie stars as influential public figures. Some years ago, when Marlon Brando spoke out on behalf of the American Indians, it was big news, but today it's the opinions of the designers that are most amplified, especially for the young. So, considering the impact of advertising, we feel that it's important to say important and useful things."

The latest Moschino ad campaign has been double-edged, with one set of ads commenting on world events and the other simple and rather straightforward product advertising.

In publishing, Giorgio Armani has been putting out Emporio Magazine since 1989, and all proceeds from its newsstand sales in Italy are donated to a hotline for child abuse. More recently, the successful Italian manufacturer MaxMara has produced a sleek magazine that showcases its clothing but also includes articles on other subjects.

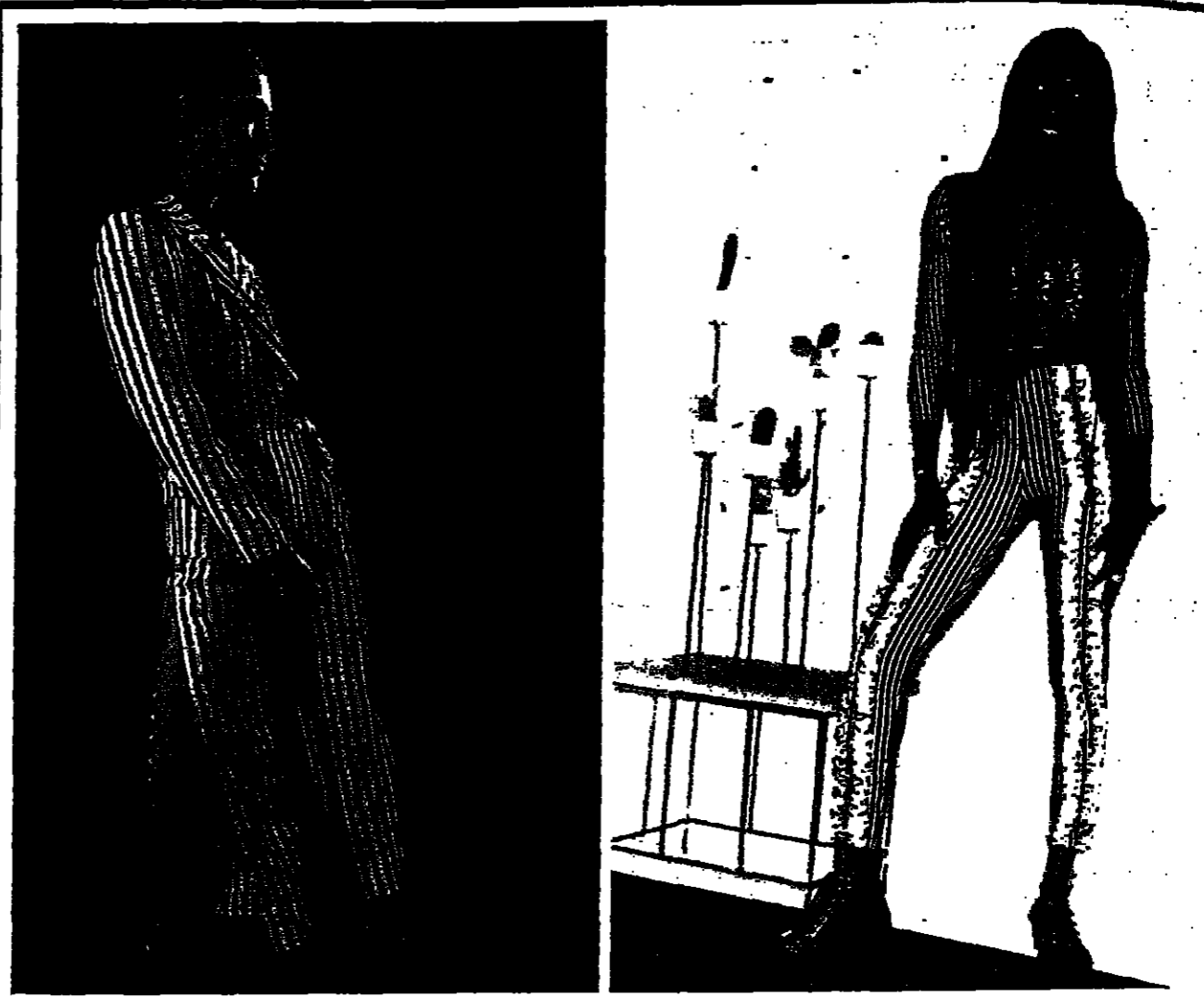
One of the more successful recent efforts by a name designer to communicate his identity through a publication is the just published "Pieces of a Pattern: Lacroix by Lacroix." In this attractively produced book the designer attempts to share with us the inner workings of his creative process by drawing and discussing people, places, art, fabric and clothing, among other things, that have influenced him.

**A**CCORDING to Jean-Jacques Picart, president of Christian Lacroix, this book stands as a perfect statement of who the designer is "because image is always a reflection of the creative individual's creativity and creation. Christian's book is like an adolescent's journal. It's a very personal summary of five years of fashion and forty years of life."

For a major international designer like Giorgio Armani, the reality of image-making in the '90s is that it is a multifaceted, multimedia effort involving almost every form of promotion from underwriting television shows — Armani sponsored Earth Tech '92, a two-hour American public-television documentary on the issues on the agenda of the June Environmental summit in Rio de Janeiro — to the "speaking windows" at his AX store in Manhattan. This avant-garde display featured taped voices of a variety of real-life New Yorkers broadcast into the street.

Commenting on the role that designers play in modern life, Giorgio Armani said, "Fashion designers have increasingly become spokesmen on a variety of different issues and they have a responsibility to use their influence intelligently. We should be aware of politics and important global issues, but it must be kept in perspective. I would never pretend to be an authority on all of the issues troubling the world today; my concern is always basically personal."

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### A Parade of Stripes, the Stars of Spring

The battle for the hearts and legs of customers continues through the summer 1993 season. The long soft skirt is making a strong showing this fall, with shorts, rather than skirts, the brief alternative. Stretch fabrics are still the key to young design from dresses through leggings. Since designers do not expect that women will be weaned easily from showing their legs, they offer split hemlines or open-side pants. Two looks in bold stripes from spring/summer collections: a split effect, left, from Lolita Lempicka's Lolita B line; and Gaultier Junior leggings.

### New Names With Designs on the Runway

By Pat McColl

**P**ARIS — For a young fashion designer, a runway show here is the film world's equivalent of selection for the Cannes festival. And, as at Cannes, the ultimate aim is to be seen.

Those seeking attention, along with the superstars, include a democratic mix of relative unknowns. This season, 82 names crowd the calendar of the Chambre Syndicale du Prêt-à-Porter des Couturiers et des Créateurs de Mode.

"We try to find a slot for everyone," said Denise Dubois of the Chambre Syndicale. "This season, we have demands from Italy, Ja-

pan, England, Belgium and for the first time, Korea.

Whether designers show in the official tents in the courtyard of the Louvre or in tiny art galleries, fusty out-of-the-way cinemas and theaters, fashions for spring/summer 1993 are flowering all over town.

How are the fresh green shoots faring? For some, such as Corinne Cobson, who already presented their collections at the Salon du Prêt-à-Porter in September, an October runway show is an ego trip.

While Cobson showed her designs Tuesday in a hotel near the Louvre tents, her business is basically booked, but, as she said, "As a designer, I need the satisfaction of putting the clothes together my way, of seeing them on models on a stage."

Franck Sorbier, whose whimsically embroidered or hand-painted jackets are beginning to make him a name, put on six shows before finding a backer. He financed his business by free-lancing and kept show expenses to a minimum.

Even so, he estimates that each show costs him around \$50,000. (A runway show in one of the Louvre tents can run up to \$500,000.)

Finally, Sorbier is on a firmer financial footing and for his show on Tuesday will have what he describes as "a real collection."

Jean Colonna is one of the more successful of these newer names, making what he calls "strong but pure" clothes. Fake leather is a specialty. Like Sorbier, when he started showing in 1989, there were several seasons when no one bought.

"It all happened by word of mouth," he said, installed on a high stool in the hangar-like space where all the clothes are designed and made. No handy hotel showrooms for Colonna; anyone who wants to see what he is all about has to trek out to a grim corner of the 20th arrondissement, climb two flights of metal stairs and tussle with a metal fire door. Behind the door: Colonna and his team.

Although Jean-Luc Amstler's first collection, shown six months

ago, was enthusiastically received, it was never produced. "This time, things will be different," he said. Now, with financial backing and production facilities in place, Amstler, 28, was able to concentrate on his collection, shown Monday.

Jamaican-born André Walker's approach to spring is an unlikely mix of down-on-the-farm and outer space. Again, as with many of these younger designers — Walker is 27 — almost all the fabrics are stretch. He shows his third collection Wednesday.

Sophie Sibton's fashion career started out too good to be true. Just out of the Esmod school of fashion in Paris, she was financed by a Japanese conglomerate, World Japan. Since then, the most enthusiastic of her backers pulled away from the parent group to finance Sibton but the new investors ultimately declared bankruptcy.

Currently, a refinanced Sibton sells to nine American boutiques and six in France. For her spring collection, there are pretty ribbon-embroidered jackets over long, slim skirts and ruffled party dresses with scooped-out décolletés.

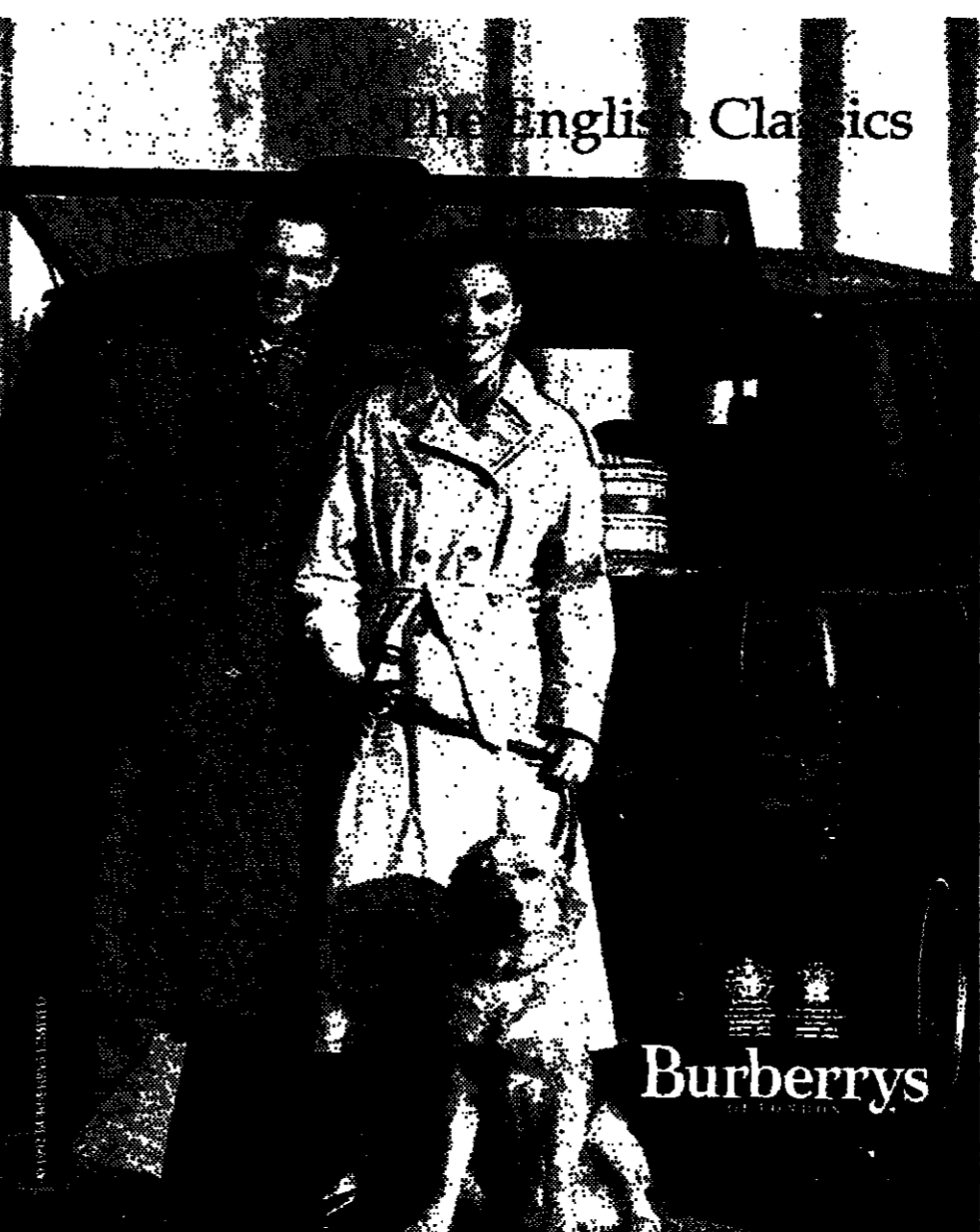
Philadelphia-born John Speight isn't tempted by the runway. "A show? Wait until I have money," he said. "Selling from Europe to America is very expensive." With just two collections behind him, Speight already has Bendel's as a client for his '60s-inspired sheath dresses. During the week of the shows, Speight has rented space at 255 Rue Saint-Honoré. "Cheaper than putting on a show," he said.

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# The Sweet Smell of Ecology But Some Perfumers Turn Up Their Noses

By Michèle Loyer

PARIS — "Atmosphère, atmosphère..." the famous line delivered by Ariety in the movie "Hôtel du Nord," has become the motto of the perfume industry. In creating new fragrances, today's "noses" try to capture the evanescent yet pervasive mood of our time.

Like fashion, perfumes go in cycles. After a decade of aggressive market-oriented "juices" whose prime characteristic was their lasting power, the pendulum has swung toward "natural" and more discreet scents inspired by ecology.

Press releases read like Victorian poetry's glorification of nature, replete with phrases such as "vegetal freshness, purity of water, glistening dew and gusts of wind." Perfume bottles, too, are shaped like delicate leaves with dewdrops on frosted glass surfaces (Parfums d'Esté by Kenzo) or softly polished like pieces of driftwood (Shiseido's Féminité du Bois).

The fragrances try to render, more or less successfully, the smells of sea water, balmy winds or pungent grass that awaken childhood memories of happy summer days.

"Our clients ask us to recreate the smells of the ocean, of the wind, of the sand..." said Jean Guichard, head of the perfume department of Givaudan-Roure Laboratories. "The market has been saturated for too long with gadgets and cheap scents. Consumers are looking for natural fragrances." The emphasis on "nature" is a logical reaction against a world jaded with smells, sounds and colors.

Created in early 1992, "Eau d'Issey," by Issey Miyake, can be considered the culmination of the ecological trend. Its unusual scent—fresh, green and slightly metallic—appeared revolutionary at the time.

"I think we are just at the beginning of this ecological trend," said Jean-François Blayn, "nose" and hopgory president of the Société Française de Parfumes. Unfortunately for the purists, "natural" as applied to perfumes, does not strictly mean they are derived from natural products, rather that the basic molecules have been synthesized in the labs.

"We send our noses to the country or the beach to take note of the smells, then the chemists follow to analyze the basic components," said Jacques-Marie Decazes, head of Givaudan's olfactory research department.

With typical Japanese refinement, Shiseido's first fragrance, "Féminité du Bois" also reinterprets nature. This is a complex blend of cedarwood enhanced by plum, peach, cinnamon and vanilla. The bottle, a plum-red oval, has the soft curves of a piece of driftwood and the elegance of ancient sake bottles.

Yet, more than femininity, such abundant use of sweet and fruity essences, evokes a certain regression to the secure world of mommy's fruit pies and home-made jams.

This desire to comply with the consumer's secret yearning sometimes leads "noses"—and marketing directors—to invent wild concoctions. Thierry Mugler's first perfume, Angel, presented in a luxurious star-shaped bottle, includes ingredients such as chocolate, caramel, coffee and vanilla, aptly described in the press release as "appetizing."

Regardless of whether the new fragrances succeed in imitating nature or recalling childhood memories, the result is often disconcerting. Are these ozone and iodine, chocolate and peach smells really perfumes? asks Sabine Fabert, editor-in-chief of the trade magazine Cosmetic News. Ultimately, women will tire of their oddness and turn back to the more traditional scents that just smell wonderful without any ecological claims, she maintains.

This is an opinion echoed by many perfumers. Jean-François Laporte, founder of l'Artisan Parfumeur and later of Maître Parfumeur et Gantier boutiques, said, "Ecology is just another gimmick to boost the sales of perfumes. What consumers really want are perfumes with quality and originality. Women are becoming more knowledgeable and are tired of so-called international perfumes. The best-sellers are always the great classics." In January, Laporte will launch a new scent, Danura, a sophisticated blend of white flowers and vanilla.

Catherine Disder, international director of perfumes for Dragoco Labs, said, "After the explosion of the 'natural' perfumes, I think there will be a return to very feminine and sophisticated fragrances based on floral and woody notes, sexy without being 'sexual'."

Guerlain, the temple of French perfumery, shows a healthy disdain for "trends"—whether ecological or culinary. "Guerlain has always tried to be different, to go against the rules of the time," said Bernard Fornas, the company's international marketing director. "We are wary of marketing trends. Our strength is the quality of our ingredients and the way we blend them. When it was launched in 1979, Samsara was considered very unusual, yet it has been one of our best-sellers ever since." Fornas hopes that Guerlain's latest perfume, Héritage, the 323rd perfume launched by the company since 1828, will appeal to women as well as to the men for whom it was created. Héritage is a fresh, woody and spicy composition with a touch of guerdaine, a subtle blend of vanilla and tonka bean—the signature of the house.

Jean Patou is one of the rare perfume makers that continues to use primarily natural products. One-third of the city of Grasse's jasmine crop and one-sixth of its roses go to Patou's labs to be distilled into the "most expensive perfume in the world." Joy, created in 1930 and still selling briskly, today, with a younger and less affluent clientele in mind, Patou has launched a concoction of flowers and spices called Sublime.

It is also for a young clientele that Christian Dior has decided to reawaken an old-timer, Miss Dior, created in 1947 by the couturier at the same time he presented the fashion world with his revolutionary New Look. The perfume's formula, redolent of a green floral and cypress, has remained the same.

"It was too sophisticated and complex to be copied by anyone and it is still perfect for today's market orientation," says Eliane de la Béraudière, the company's director of public relations. Only the packaging has been revamped. Its bottle with the white satin bow and houndstooth pattern recalls an era when Parisian chic meant elegance rather than ecology, and going green was not yet the height of fashion.

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Flair midlength summer dresses in floral prints from Kenzo.

## A Red-Letter Day for French Fashion

International Herald Tribune

All the major designers are already on the map for France's national fashion day on April 29, 1993—a project of Culture Minister Jack Lang, Thierry Mugler will show in his native Strasbourg, Saint Laurent in Marseille, Lacroix in Lille, Alaïa in Bordeaux while Chanel and Dior, along with Gaultier and Rykiel, will stay in Paris. The fashion happening will embrace museums, art foundations and street events.

The final decision about the dates for the Paris and Milan shows next September/October will be hammered out between Jacques Mouchier of the French

Chambre Syndicale and Beppe Modenese, the voice of Italian fashion, at a meeting on Wednesday.

The Folies Bergère turns serious Monday as Isabella Rossellini, the Spanish film director Pedro Almodóvar and singer Sinead O'Connor—along with a host of fashion celebrities—walk tall in the "Balade de l'Amour," a benefit for AIDS research.

Yves Saint Laurent will open his Wednesday show to the paying public, with a second luncheon presentation to raise money for relief in the former Yugoslavia.

Italian designer Romeo Gigli has been cited as a Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by Jack Lang in recognition of his artistic approach to fashion.

## Hemlines: In U.S., A Vote for Choice

By Bernadine Morris

NEW YORK — Why are American women so concerned about hemlines? Europeans shake their heads in disbelief when faced with the rigidity of the typical American preoccupation with the length of skirts. Apparently oblivious to the intricacy of a new technique in shaping clothes or even a new development in fabrics, Americans will usually protest a change in hemlines.

Whether the hemline movement is up or down is not significant: It's the change itself that provokes the ire.

Well, it's true, retailers admit. Shoulder pads may come and go without causing much hysteria. Waistlines can be belted or left unmarked and necklines raised or lowered without causing a general suffering of the spine. But do something about the hemline and the battle is joined. Customers begin to claim designers are out to get them, to drive them to the poorhouse, to make their wardrobes obsolete—and they snap their handbags shut.

They insist the new length makes them look too young or too old. They argue it's difficult to wear if their legs aren't perfect, if they're too tall or too short or if they're over 40 years old.

Their reasoning may be faulty, but their objections are real. What they are objecting to is the idea of change—and length is the most visible aspect of change—for all fashion develops as part of the tension between what is familiar and what is new. Retailers themselves are caught up in that uneasy pull between the known and the unknown. European women may well be more receptive to fashion turning on a dime; Americans are more suspicious. There is a long history to their complaints.

Those with long fashion memories recall women forming picket lines to protest Christian Dior's New Look in 1947, refusing to put their legs under wraps. In 1970, their objections returned, this time protesting the demise of the mini-skirt. By the middle of the 1980s, the short puffed skirt of Christian Lacroix gave the mini another lease on life. The protesters then weren't so voluble, but even today, in certain areas of the country, like the Midwest, knees are not generally bared.

Still, in the past year, with most designers determined to lengthen

skirts, objections arose again. This time the sluggish economy was a strong factor, retailers feared. Women who didn't want to spend the money on new clothes said the longer skirts were unflattering or uncomfortable. If they thought the clothes were too expensive and did not want to admit it, they said they were too long.

In comparison with European women, who are eager to pick up the latest style and wear it until fashion changes the next season, Americans own more clothes and keep them longer. They prefer to vary their outfits more frequently. Their fear that longer skirts will make their short clothes obsolete is a real one.

At a time when business is tight, retailers are unwilling to offend anyone. So they are particularly pleased that a choice in hem lengths is available. Retailers with a strong presence at the European shows agree that the availability of choices in hem length can help head off the opposition.

"We believe in options," said Elin Saltzman, fashion director of Bergdorf Goodman. "No one should feel pressured into anything."

KALMAN Rutenstein, the fashion director of Bloomingdale's, said, "We expect to be selling a lot of pants and long skirts this spring and have short ones available for women who want them."

Joan Kaner, the fashion director of Neiman-Marcus, also believes that fashion choices are beneficial. "The woman who did not buy a long skirt for fall will try one for spring because it's fun if she doesn't feel she has to because there's nothing else around," she said. "She won't wear it all the time—she'll change things around."

Joel Rath, the president of Holt, Renfrew in Toronto, indicated that the same attitude prevailed in Canada.

All this may be a sign that the fashion industry as a whole can break the jinx associated with hemline changes in the past. Women who would have insisted that short skirts were modern, comfortable and necessary for their mental health may be tempted to try something different—if they are not pushed too hard.

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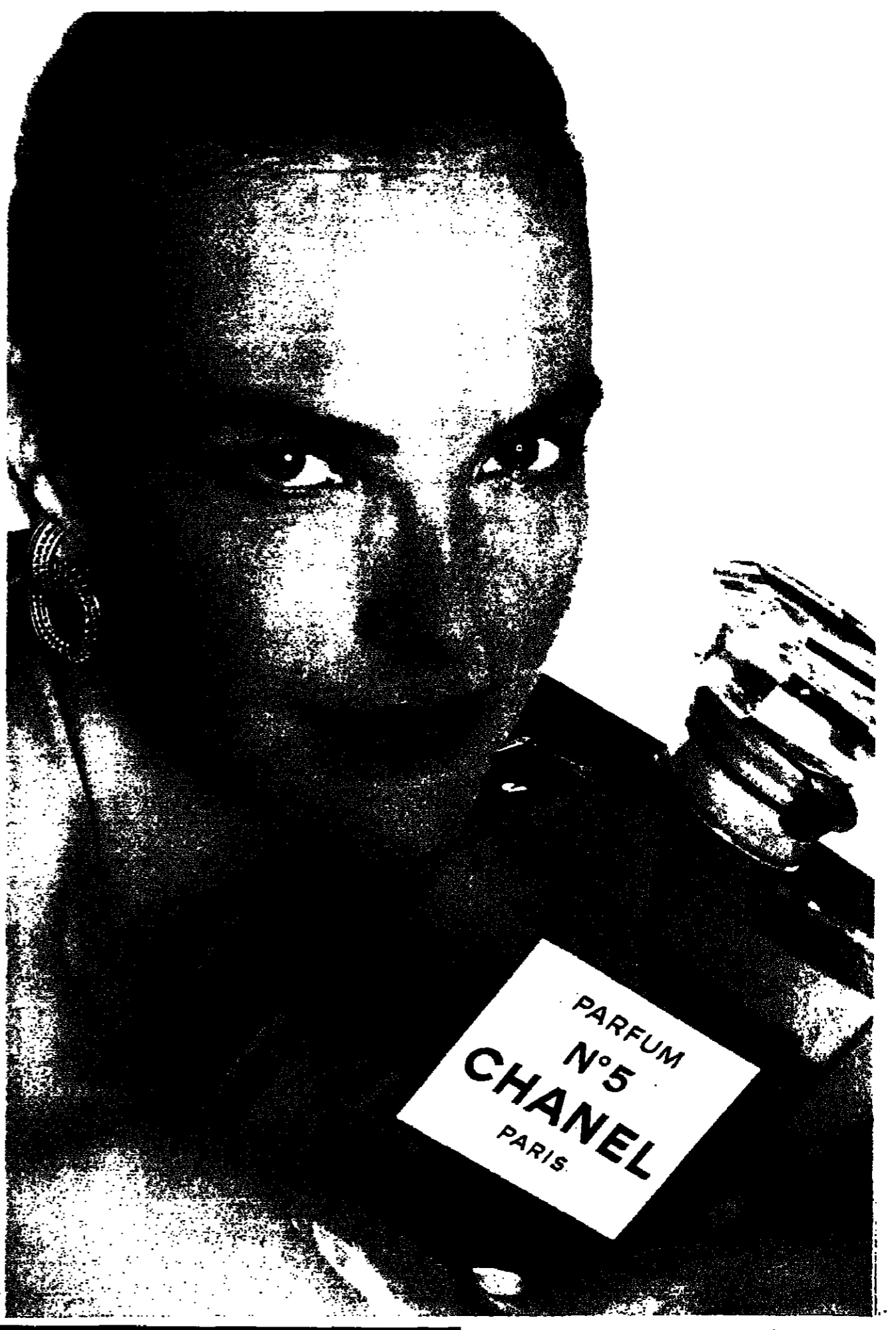
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# U.S. Retail Trade Measures The Full-Figure Woman

## An Expanding Market for Large Sizes

By Cathy Horyn

WASHINGTON — Aside from Madama taking off her clothes and the return of the push-up bra, this has been a rather uneventful year for American fashion. Retail sales are flat. Long skirts aren't sweeping the streets. Personally, I'm still trying to figure out what feminist Susan Faludi has against push-up bras.

So, while leafing through a reprint from a magazine called Retail Store Image, I came across this meaty fact: According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the average American woman weighed 146 pounds (66 kilograms) in 1988, up seven pounds from 1976.

### POINT OF VIEW

More women will enter the plus-size ranks as the population continues to age. Retail Store Image could not have put it more delicately. American women are getting fat.

While you're contemplating that croissant (12 grams of fat, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture), consider, too, that the national chest size is swelling: Playtex reported that its most common cup size had increased from 34B in the late '70s to 36B or C in the mid-'80s, with no signs of retrenching.

This is either good or bad news, depending on how you look at it, though I might as well point out here that one of the physiological components of aging is shrinkage. So, while your cup size might sound impressive, it's not going to be much of a consolation when you're short and fat.

None of this, of course, is good news for the fashion industry, or at least that segment of the business that holds up physical perfection as just one of many crosses to bear in the pursuit of new clothes.

The international runways are still filled with fashions that demand a body beautiful, whether in transparent fabrics or elongated, skinny silhouettes. One could argue, in the advance of flab, that fitness and self-discipline will keep women in a perpetual state of atonement, but this assumes that the goal — to fit into the latest fashion — will always be the same.

In any case, I seriously doubt that the majority of baby boomers, who constitute a sizable voting bloc at retail, are going to speed up their exercise bikes just so they can squeeze in a catsuit when they're 50.

For one thing, there has been a radical change of sentiment toward dieting in the United States. Although roughly one-third of American adults are overweight, the National Institutes of Health recently confirmed what many weight-loss professionals have known for some time: Diets do not work.

The NIH recommended slow and modest reductions, but even so, with a growing number of women rejecting the notion that thin is better, a dieting backlash has emerged.

In Huntington, West Virginia, last spring, 50 women took their bathroom scales down to City Hall and smashed them on the pavement. Women are staging gals — "to Honor and Reclaim Women's Bodies and Appetites." In April, the executive director of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance told The New York Times that the anti-dieting movement has helped women to realize their self-worth and "become activists against the bias against them."

If this sounds like a feminist battle cry — "I'm busting out of my girdle and I'm not going to take it anymore" — there's surely a connection to be made between self-esteem and political self-awareness. This is, after all, the Year of the Woman, and as trite as that may seem, more attention is being paid to women who are running for political office than to what Hillary Clinton should or should not wear to the Inaugural Ball if her husband gets elected.

While the French, in particular, may express Gallic consternation at this attempt to separate physical appearance from self-esteem (beauty is power, as Camille Paglia, the author of "Sexual Personae: Art and Decadence from Nefertiti to Emily Dickinson," has been telling us), there is a sense in America today that women are much less motivated to shed those pesky 10 pounds if the difference between size 12 and size 14 is a personal crisis.

On the other hand, fashion seems to abhor a vacuum. If 10 years ago the plumpish seeker of fashion had ventured into a department store for a dress, she would have been sent to the basement for something approximating a tent.

With pitying contempt, designers dismissed the 14-plus customer on the grounds that she was potentially bad for their images, and therefore bad for business.

As perhaps befits that indifferent era, Oscar de la Renta made what was then considered a delicious comeback to a fat lady's cheeky inquiry: "Madam, I am not in the upholstery business."

Well, Madam and her 48 million sisters are on the march.

They will spend more than \$15 billion this year on fashion, up from \$2 billion in 1980, making the large-size clothing market one of the fastest growing segments of the American apparel industry. They have spawned whole businesses — The Forgotten Woman, Elisabeth and United Retail Group, which controls 450 plus-size shops in the United States. And they are persuading an increasing number of designers, among them Geoffrey Beene, Arnold Scaasi, Bob Mackie, Pauline Trigère and even Oscar, that big women will spend money on fashion if it fits.

Strange as it may seem, the "full-figure gal" may just be the kind of woman the fashion industry has needed all along.

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## A Leg Up on Glamour

Hollywood glamour is fashion's flip side to the back-to-nature ecological movement. Vivienne Westwood, who shows Sunday night, was one of the first designers to pick up on the club scene's return to dressing up.

Carmine red lips, skinny skirts and platform soles may seem like a retro fashion movement. But the updated version of the 1940s pin-up is dependent on modern fabrics of the 1990s. It is not just that long skirts stretch or split open. Fancy hose, even for the summer months, have been given impetus by the wearing of Lycra leggings year-round.

Westwood's hosiery line for London's Sock Shop shows the importance of accessories in polishing up fashion's new look. Among her legwear fantasies are cross-cultural references to rococo and pagan motifs found in her collections. Other designers with a focus on fashion hosiery include Donna Karan in New York and Christian Lacroix, who has a range of decorative legwear with Le Bourget. Although many of the leg coverings are relatively heavy and boldly patterned, there are also delicate lacy patterns.

## Lagerfeld to the Rescue

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length dress, unbuttoned, over a white bodysuit or inserting dainty lace panels into a slim stretch dress. The designer says that he believes that research into new materials and playing with them is "fashion's way into the future."

You can only grasp the breadth of Lagerfeld's vision when you see other shows where designers, however strong, are stuck in one particular mode.

The blind alley into which the black-clad fashion crowd was jammed on the way to Martin Margiela's show seemed symbolic of the entire avant-garde fashion movement. The destruction of the silhouette, the somber colors and recycling of bits of old clothes may reflect accurately the despair and nihilism that many people feel about the world. But where is it leading fashion?

Margiela was the first to pick up on the 1970s look with his bias-cut long skirts, platform shoes and shrunken knits. There is no doubt that he has had an ecotoplastic effect on fashion. But his statements this season seemed to be a buckle round the big toe, eyeglasses drawn on the face, and the fact that the all-black garments in the show were replicated in all-white at another presentation round the corner. The disorganized entry scenes, to a broken-down shed with crumbling roof, where models waved sparklers around in the dark

while all the doors were locked from the inside, were a disgrace.

Givenchy deals in the fashion certainties that many women still find reassuring. There are cardigan jackets for cool spring days, cropped pants and bare midriffs for vacations, smart dresses, casual dresses and things to go out in the evening. Givenchy had sent a breath of youthfulness through the show, opening with his famous Bettina blouse, first designed in the 1950s, worn with jeans.

The main statements of the show were the soft mid-calf culottes, with which Givenchy dealt prettily with the long-skirt business, and dresses. They came neat in navy and white with a pleated skirt; loose and puff-sleeved in a bold ethnic print; layered like the petals of a flower. A beautifully cut column of pimiento red crepe was the ultimate progression of this stately show.

Le tout Paris turned out at the Plaza Athénée for hairdresser Monsieur Alexandre, who received the Legion of Honor in front of an audience that included Marie-Hélène de Rothschild and Lucienne Saint Laurent, wearing a perky cocktail hat.

"Alexandre is part of Paris fashion," she said. "I can't imagine my son's show without him."

SUZY MENKES is the fashion editor of the International Herald Tribune.

## Is It Bye-Bye to Jackets?

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since he first started to take the stuffing and the stiffness out of the jacket "to find the body that moved beneath the tailored chest." His deconstruction work for both men and women is now part of fashion history, and Armani does not envisage dumping the jacket.

"It's a woman's armor," he says. "The jacket as part of a mannish suit is outmoded, but there are ways of using a classic jacket in a different way."

The jacket started its long fashion life at the turn of the last century when Redfern and Doucet made the "costume," a curvy jacket and skirt with an S-bend silhouette, the centerpiece of the Edwardian wardrobe. Chanel in the 1920s, borrowing from menswear, made the easy cardigan jacket in jersey and supple tweed. Dior sculpted it back to an Edwardian silhouette with his 1947 New Look. And Yves Saint Laurent, in the 1960s, cut the mannish jacket on straight lines from a powerful shoulder as women challenged men. It remains the backbone of our wardrobes.

But all the designers who have been in the forefront over the last decade have been tilting at the silhouette's tough carapace. Armani kept the silhouette but softened the construction; Karl Lagerfeld has jostled with hundreds of different jacket shapes for Chanel; Christian Lacroix threw a curve; Yohji Yamamoto narrowed the silhouette; so did Romeo Gigli, introducing a slender, fragile high-buttoned shape that has become the new look for the

1990s. Other designers, like Rei Kawakubo, angry at woman's lot, have torn into the silhouette, literally shredding the fabric, turning seams inside out or leaving edges raw.

Where, after all, can the jacket go? Its crowning moment was when everything else disappeared — pants reduced to leggings, skirts abbreviated. Only the jacket reigned supreme in every woman's wardrobe. In practical terms, closets are stuffed with jackets, so who needs more? And psychologically, the jacket now sides with the Establishment.

"What we sell is very avant-garde," says Barbara Weiser of Charivari. "We find that women are looking for a more feminine silhouette and jacket sales are weaker because for the moment people are looking to alternatives. The jacket that looks most interesting is long, lean and cut close to the body, and for that, ribbed knitwear or a tunic would do."

Weiser says that what is not selling so well this season is the menswear pin-striped pantsuit look that high fashion pushed forward.

"But a world without jackets? I can't imagine it," admits Weiser.

But then, could our Victorian sisters with their smelling salts and their crinoline dresses have imagined women suited to take on men in the workplace? Or that women 100 years on might have reached such a powerful position in society that they might choose to take off their fashion armor and wear a soft, feminine dress — because they had nothing left to prove?

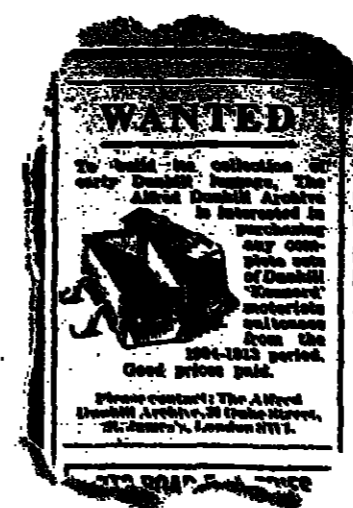
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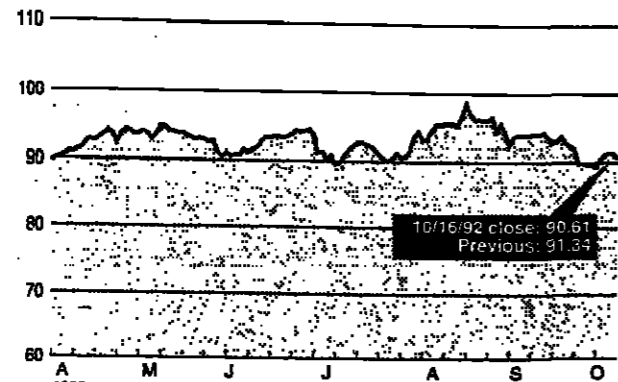
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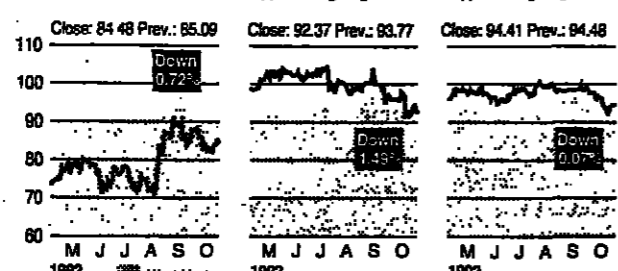


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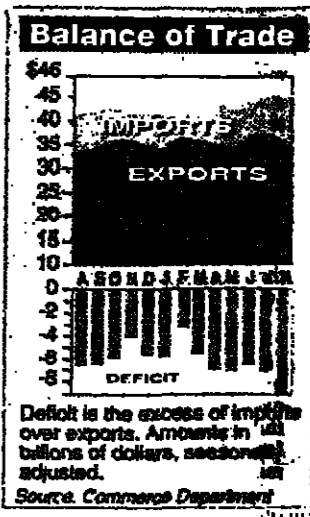
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resources of the one region that is growing in the face of what would otherwise be a worldwide economic downturn.
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Western German Sales Dive

FRANKFURT — Retail sales in Western Germany fell sharply in August, according to data issued Friday, dashing industry hopes that a tax cut in July would unleash consumer demand in the second half of 1992.

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BERN — Finance Minister Otto Stich projected on Friday a widening budget deficit for Switzerland in 1993 and warned that more austerity was necessary if the country was to get its books in balance.

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# Amtrak Staff Denounces Management

By Don Phillips  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — An internal survey shows that employees and field managers of Amtrak, the American national rail network, feel they are victims of an "autocratic, militaristic, intimidating" management that has placed financial performance above all else, including customer service and safety.

The survey of 300 managers and workers nationwide, released by Amtrak along with a conciliatory letter to employees from the Amtrak president, W. Graham Clayton Jr., describes a dispirited staff that feels top management makes decisions without consultation.

does not respect their ideas, does not treat them ethically and has no customer-oriented goals. Except for the Washington headquarters, the survey said that management personnel "are increasingly beginning to side with union employees."

Tim Gillespie, Amtrak's assistant vice president for government and public affairs, noted that the survey was taken during a time of labor strife after employees had gone years without a pay raise, but said employee reaction was "perhaps a little harsher than we expected." He said the survey was one of several steps Amtrak was taking to improve employee relations.

The survey, conducted by Towers Perrin, a

management-consulting firm, said that employees "were very outspoken," and that "in general, people at Amtrak care a lot about their profession and want to see Amtrak succeed. They are eager to play a role in contributing to its future success."

The survey does not describe Amtrak as unsafe or anti-customer, although it said few outside Washington were convinced it is safe. But it says that employees perceive that eight areas are not "a current value of Amtrak": teamwork, respect for employees, customer focus, ethical conduct, employee involvement and empowerment, improvement, quality service, and safety.

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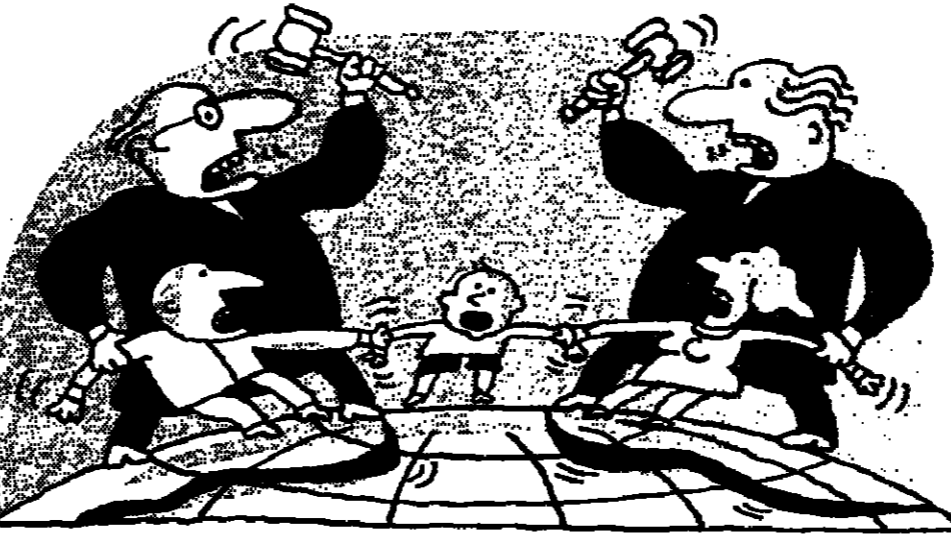
U.K. Insurers Try to Divert An Avalanche of U.S. Claims

By Digby Lerner

OVER the next few weeks the U.K. insurance industry begins a legal battle to prevent U.S. citizens claiming compensation from the British Policy Protection Board.

bill for its failure may be more than \$300 million. The association's deputy chief executive officer, Keith Loney, said: "The LUI subsidiaries sold a lot of policies to doctors, lawyers and accountants. They brought those risks onto the London market and now the claims are coming home to roost."

A charge is levied on insurance companies only when a claim is made against the Policy Protection Board. This has happened three times, all during the past two years. Of these the largest claim was Walbrook's at \$100 million. The remaining two were for about \$15 million each. Recently another two companies have gone bust, Trinity Insurance and Continental Assurance, and are awaiting settlements.



Breaking Up: Beware

By Kate Bales

GETTING married is easy. It's quick, it's inexpensive, and it's recognized by legal systems throughout the world. Divorce is not so simple.

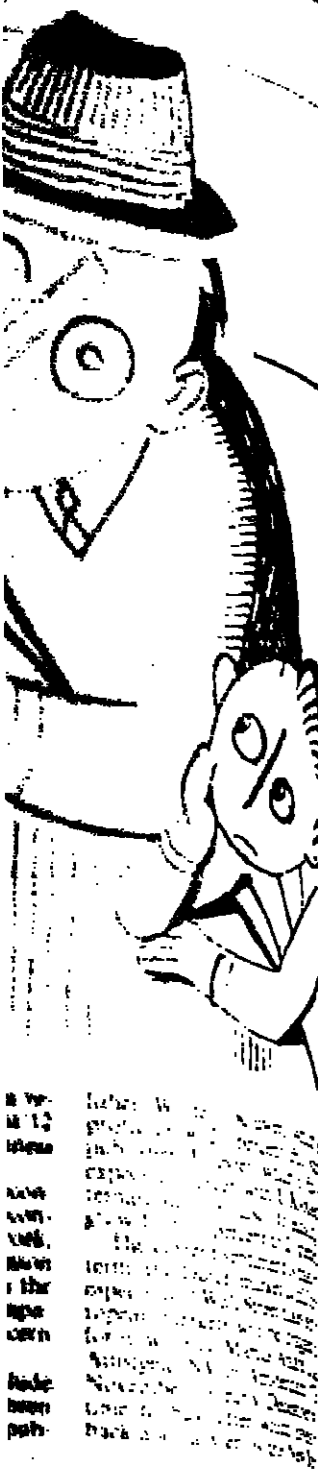
child, for snatching and re-snatching to become an ongoing game of human cross-border volleyball. According to the Citizens Consular Services, a division of the U.S. State Department, there are at present 380 active cases of abducted children being taken to the United States, and 393 active cases of abduction from the United States.

Mr. Loney believes that even if the association's appeal fails, the board's increased exposure is unlikely to force it into debt. He said: "Nonlife premium income in the U.K. is about £13 billion every year. If it had to. And when a claim is made it can rarely be settled all at once. The cost is, therefore, usually spread over a number of years."

Alimony and child support problems are not covered under the Hague Convention, and have to be dealt with by engaging private legal aid.

Apart from the risk in the United States, the association is concerned that the harmonization of insurance companies within the European Community is a further reason for attempting to get the recent court decision reversed. Mr. Baker said: "At the moment the level of cross-border business isn't that great but because it is set to grow the present ruling will gain greater significance and make it all the more important that the scope of the FPB be limited to private U.K. policyholders as originally intended."

According to the embassy report, American women who choose to marry Saudi men (500 American women currently reside in the kingdom with Saudi husbands) are often without any legal resources.



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The association's case hinges on what is described as "sloppy drafting" of the legislation. This, it said, has wrongly allowed U.S. policyholders to use the Policy Protection Board. The association's head of public affairs, Tony Baker, insists the current interpretation of the law is far too broad. He said of the law: "It has gone much further than was intended. It was designed to protect private individuals in the U.K. and that's what we hope to have clarified."

U.S. Medical Malpractice Verdicts

Table with columns for Year, Total number of jury verdicts, and Average amount in million dollars. Data points for years 1981-1991.

Mortgages for the Stouthearted

By Aline Sullivan

RECENT volatility in Europe's currency markets will have brought some headaches to the men and women who manage foreign currency mortgages. But home buyers who stand to suffer from high domestic interest rates may find that the attractions of these loans worth the risk.

type of debt is usually managed by currency advisers who trade funds and debts between about 25 currencies including the European Currency Unit, or Ecu. Both single-currency and multi-currency mortgages can be difficult to obtain. A leading official at Kleinwort Benson Private Bank in London said the bank only lends in foreign currencies to selected customers who are recommended by a broker. Other banks operating in Britain willing to provide foreign currency mortgages — Bank of East Asia and Sao Paulo Bank — have similar lending policies.

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Foreign currency mortgages, available for about a decade in Britain, and soon to become more common in other countries, allow investors to denominated loans in another currency. The interest rate depends on the currency selected. The attractions of a foreign currency mortgage are twofold. The interest rate can be lower than domestic rates, and, if the exchange rate swings in the borrower's favor, the debt outstanding will be cut.

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Nick Sutton of RFCL Ltd., a subsidiary of the London insurance broker Fraser Group, said banks typically set a loss limit of 15 percent of the original loan amount. If the increase occurs, the borrower must service an increased loan at the prevailing sterling interest rate.

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RFCL's 360-odd clients have reduced their debt on average by 19.8 percent through currency movements and have had interest rates of about 4.8 percentage points less than U.K. base rates over the past four years, he said.

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SPORTS BASEBALL In the World Series Showdown, Familiar Faces for Braves and Jays

The Associated Press In one way or another, the Toronto Blue Jays and Atlanta Braves are plenty familiar with each other. Jack Morris, after all, beat the Braves in Game 7 of the World Series last year, winning 1-0 in 10 innings. He then left Minnesota with his Most Valuable Player award and took it to Toronto. Atlanta's manager, Bobby Cox, and the Braves coach Jimmy Williams each had stints managing the Blue Jays before Cito Gaston took over in May 1989. Two Toronto relievers, Duane Ward and Mark Eichhorn, pitched for Atlanta, while Francisco Cordero, the unlikely hero of the National League playoffs, played briefly for the Blue Jays in 1989. David Cone, Roberto Alomar, Joe Carter and Candy Maldonado are among the several Blue Jays who played, and played well, in the National League.

Both teams go into Game 1 on Saturday night in Atlanta on emotional highs. Atlanta's starting pitcher, the strength of the Braves' bid in the World Series last October, are not in great shape. John Smoltz, the play-off MVP, pitched Wednesday and will not be ready for Game 1. Steve Avery worked in relief Wednesday, while Tom Glavine, a 20-game winner, was chubbied Tuesday. The Blue Jays, with Alomar and Devon White leading off, show a faster-than-usual AL lineup. Otis Nixon, suspended last October, starts off quickly for the Braves. A look at the teams:

First Base Toronto: John Olerud Sweet swing produced big hits in playoffs (3/48). Nice glove. Atlanta: Sid Bream Hit .273 in the playoffs with three doubles and a home run. Was 0 for 5, however, with runners in scoring position.

Second Base Toronto: Roberto Alomar. MVP of the playoffs (.423, 20 homers, five stolen bases, no errors). Homered off Dennis Eckersley to tie Game 4, the biggest hit of the series. One of best all-around infielders in majors. Atlanta: Mark Lemke A stellar postseason, going 7 for 21, including 2 for 5 with runners in scoring position.

Third Base Toronto: Kelly Gruber Followed up disappointing injury-plagued regular season (.229, 43 RBIs) with a poor playoff (2 for 22). Fine in the field, particularly making back-handed stops and strong throws. Atlanta: Terry Pendleton Miserable series against the Pirates, but his leadoff double in the ninth started the Game 7 comeback. Batted .223 (7 for 30), going 2 for 22 left-handed (.091) and 5 for 8 right-handed (.625).

Center Field Toronto: Devon White His .303 on-base average was worst among AL leadoff hitters this year. Batted .348 with .448 on-base percentage in playoffs. Atlanta: Otis Nixon Perhaps the happiest Brave because he missed the postseason last year due to his 60-day suspension for cocaine use. Was 8 for 28 (.286) against the Pirates in the playoffs, including 3 for 5 with runners in scoring position.

Right Field Toronto: Joe Carter With Alomar, another Toronto MVP candidate (34 homers, 119 RBIs). Held to four singles in 21 at-bats in playoffs before hitting two-run homer to start Game 6 r.o.u. Atlanta: David Justice Like Gant, drove in six runs. Was 7 for 25 in the playoffs with a team-high 14 total bases, homering twice in Game 6.

World Series Schedule All times are EDT Saturday, Oct. 17 Toronto at Atlanta, 8:29 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 Toronto at Atlanta, 8:29 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20 Atlanta at Toronto, 8:29 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 Atlanta at Toronto, 8:26 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 \*Atlanta at Toronto, 8:26 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 \*Toronto at Atlanta, 8:26 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 \*Toronto at Atlanta, 8:29 p.m. \*if necessary.

Braves Get Ready To Meet an Old Foe Morris Is Back, in a New Uniform

By Mark Maske Washington Post Service ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves and their tomahawk-chopping frenzied followers no longer can be accused of taking their 1992 success in stride. This city is baseball-crazy once more, and the celebrations may continue right up until the moment that the Braves begin their back-to-the-future World Series by greeting an old nemesis in a new uniform — Jack Morris. Morris and the rest of the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 1 here Saturday night. The last time that the Braves faced Morris, the veteran right-hander was pitching a masterpiece — a 10-inning shutout in Game 7 of last year's World Series to give the Minnesota Twins a dramatic 1-0 victory. The Braves will see Morris again on Saturday, as he's scheduled to start for Toronto against Atlanta's Tom Glavine in the opener of the 89th series.

Morris is 0-1 with a 6.57 earned run average in two starts against the Oakland Athletics in the American League Championship Series, but there was little doubt about who would get the nod for the Blue Jays come Saturday. Morris is 4-0 with a 1.54 ERA in five World Series starts, and he beat the Braves in Games 1 and 7 a year ago. He was signed as a free agent last winter to pitch games precisely like this one.



The bats of Joe Carter, left, and Otis Nixon could be key factors for their teams. A drug suspension kept Nixon out of the '91 Series.

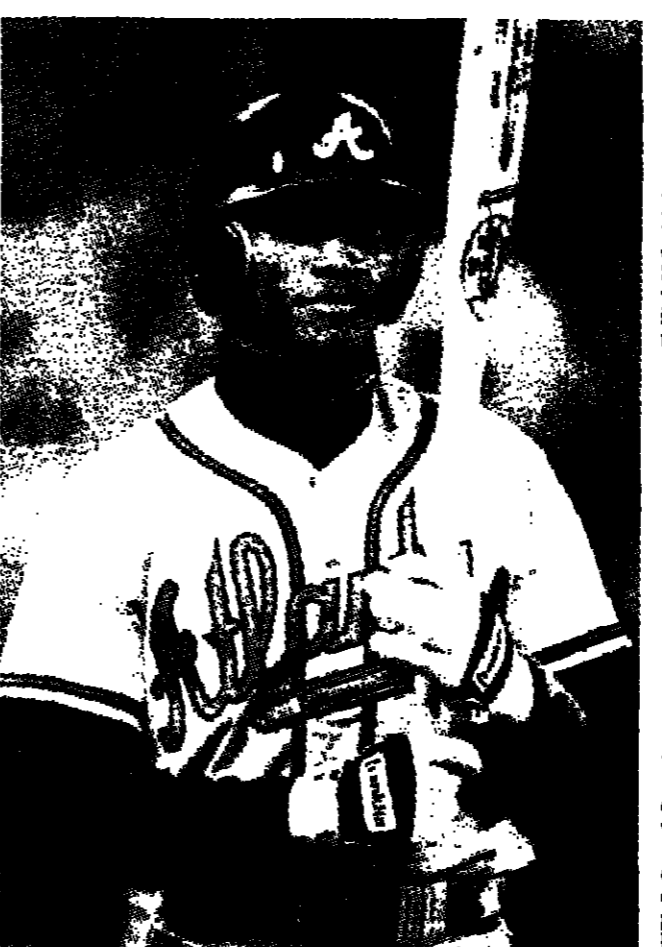


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Relief Pitchers Toronto: Tom Henke, Duane Ward, Mark Eichhorn, Mike Timlin, Todd Stottlemyre Henke (34 saves) blows away hitters, averaging more than a strikeout per inning. Ward is hard-throwing setup man, although A's tagged him for 6.75 ERA in three games. Eichhorn, a submariner, and Ward each pitched briefly for Braves. Timlin was ineffective in two playoff games. Stottlemyre, bumped to the bullpen, pitched once.

TV EUROPE The satellite stations Sportscan, Sport Kanal, Sportnet and TV Sport will show the series live starting at midnight GMT. Sportscan, which broadcasts in English, can be received in Britain, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden. The German-language Sportkanal can be received in Austria, Germany, Hungary, Luxembourg, Poland, Switzerland, and Thailand. Sportnet, which broadcasts in Dutch, can be received in the Netherlands and Belgium. TV Sport, in French, can be received in France, Belgium and Switzerland. In Italy, the games will be broadcast live by Telepiù 2. The Armed Forces Network radio and television network, based in Frankfurt, will broadcast the games live. AFN TV can see in some home video formats. AFN Frankfurt and Stuttgart Radio stations in Western Europe can pick up Berlin on 87.3 on the AM dial.

Statistics From the National League and American League Playoffs

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Manager Toronto: Cito Gaston The more criticism he gets, the more he wins. Led Toronto to three AL East titles in 3½ years since taking over in Williams, now an Atlanta coach. Is first black manager in World Series and is proud of it; still, is more intent on becoming first black manager to win World Series.

Cal Ripken Sr. Quits Orioles After Demotion The Associated Press BALTIMORE — Cal Ripken Sr. ended his 36-year association with the Baltimore Orioles on Friday, refusing a high-level job in the minor leagues after being fired as third-base coach.

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